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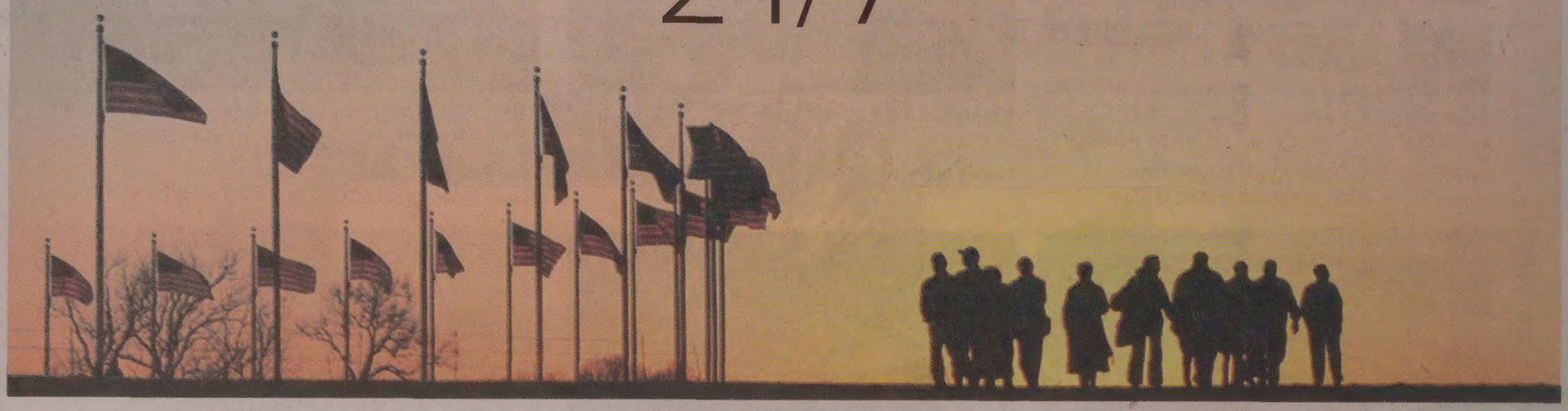

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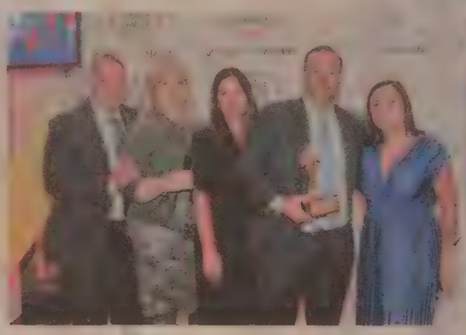

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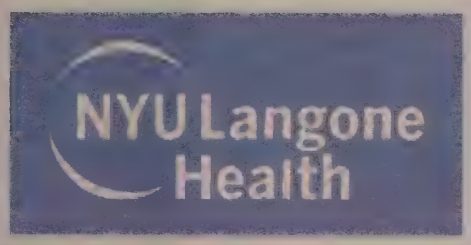

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Alec Baldwin has filed a lawsuit against the *Rust* armorer and crew for handing him the loaded gun that killed cinematographer Halyna Hutchins on the set of the film, reports ABC 7 News. The Amagansett resident accused several people working on the film of negligence, proclaiming they should have never given him a gun that was loaded. The group being sued consists of the film's armorer, ammo supplier and prop master. The lawsuit states that Baldwin has to "live with the immense grief and resulting emotional, physical toll" that resulted from the negligent conduct. Said the *30 Rock* actor's lawyer, **Luke Nikas** of Quinn Emanuel, "More than anyone else on that set, Baldwin has been wrongfully viewed as the perpetrator of this tragedy. By these cross-claims, Baldwin seeks to clear his name and hold cross-defendants accountable for their misconduct," ABC 7 News reports. The lawsuit comes after Hutchins' family reached a settlement in its wrongful death lawsuit against the movie's producers. Hutchins' husband, **Matthew Hutchins**, has since become a producer of *Rust*, which will reportedly continue production, possibly in California in 2023.

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Sagaponack resident **Drew Barrymore** posted on Instagram on November 10 that she has COVID-19 but feels "good." As a result she will be taking some time off from her hosting duties at *The Drew Barrymore Show* until she is fully recovered. The actress turned talk show hostess announced that her co-host **Ross Matthews** and rapper/producer **Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson**, who has been a guest on the show, will be filling in for her until she returns. Alongside a selfie with her cat in bed, Barrymore posted, "So only good news to report! Maybe some other special surprises." In other news about the *E.T.* actress, *PureWow* reports that she has teamed up with her *Charlie's Angels* co-star **Cameron Diaz** to launch a limited-edition collection from their brands, Beautiful by Drew, a line of kitchenware and appliances available at Walmart, and Avaline, Diaz's vegan-friendly wine label. Here for the holidays, the new items include a 6-quart air fryer, a one-touch electric kettle and the Avaline Holiday Collection, which consists of a set of six limited-edition wines from around the world.

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STEVEN SPIELBERG WITH WIFE KATE CAPSHAW

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Mega-director **Steven Spielberg**, who owns a home in East Hampton, told *The New York Times*, "The pandemic created an opportunity for streaming platforms to raise their subscriptions to record-breaking levels and also throw some of my best filmmaker friends under the bus as their movies were unceremoniously not given theatrical releases." Spielberg added, "They were suddenly relegated to, in this case, HBO Max." Spielberg's new film, *The Fabelmans*,

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Tony-Award-winning actor **Liev Schreiber** enjoyed the summerlike weather in the Hamptons on November 5, taking time out for a swim in the Atlantic Ocean, according to the *Daily Mail*. In October, Schreiber sold 300 bottles of his limited-edition Sláinte Irish Whiskey Smooth Blend for $500 apiece.

The *Ray Donovan* actor, who is currently dating Miss South Dakota USA 2012 **Taylor Neisen**, is donating 100% of the sale proceeds to BlueCheck Ukraine, which he co-founded; the organization benefits Ukraine's humanitarian efforts. The actor, who has nine Emmy Awards and nominations, and BlueCheck co-founder **Richard Davies** gave an additional donation of $40,000 to BlueCheck when Sláinte Irish Whiskey launched on October 27 at the Georgia Room lounge in Manhattan.

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In the middle of her November 9 episode of *Live with Kelly and Ryan*, Southampton resident **Kelly Ripa** discovered that her 25-year-old son, **Michael Consuelos**, is in *People*'s 2022 "Sexiest Man Alive" issue. *People* reports that her co-host, **Ryan Seacrest**, opened up the magazine to show her Michael's photo, which was listed under famous sons. Ripa, who shares Michael with husband **Mark Consuelos**, snatched the magazine from Seacrest, and exclaimed, "Are you kidding me? Give me this. You would think he would tell us so we would pick up a couple of copies for the grandparents." Ripa then commented that she didn't realize how much her son and husband look alike until she saw photos of them side by side. According to the magazine, the proud mom then said, "Michael Consuelos, I always considered you just a handsome, lovely fellow — conscious, hard-working, diligent, respectful." She then whispered, "I had no idea you were considered 'sexy.'" The "sexy" young actor is a member of the cast of *Riverdale*.

Bravo producer **Andy Cohen** of Amagansett taped an episode of *Watch What Happens Live* with all five captains from *Below Deck* joining the first American female cruise ship captain, **Kate McCue**, aboard Celebrity Cruises' brand-new Celebrity Beyond. The ship made its North American debut on October 25, docked in the Cape Liberty Cruise Terminal in Bayonne, New Jersey. The *WWHL* episode aired November 1.

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We Hear ...

Page Six is reporting that Sag Harbor residents **Jill Zarin** and **Luann de Lesseps**, along with **Sonja Morgan**, **Kelly Bensimon** and **Dorinda Medley** have all possibly made the cut to participate in *Legacy*, the upcoming spinoff of *The Real Housewives of New York City*. However, according to the outlet, Southampton resident **Ramona Singer** is not on the list of prospective cast members for the new reality show.

Comedian **Jerry Seinfeld** of Amagansett headed out on a nationwide tour beginning November 11 in Santa Barbara, California. He will also come to his hometown at the Beacon Theatre starting November 18. The tour also includes stops in Washington, D.C., Austin and The Colosseum at Caesar's Palace in 2023.

Sightings ...

East Hampton couple **Hugh Jackman**, who has extended his time on Broadway in *The Music Man*, and wife **Deborra-Lee Furness** walking hand-in-hand around Manhattan on November 10.

Southampton resident **Brooke Shields** and her daughter **Rowan Francis Hench** at the premiere of *Spirited* in Manhattan on November 7.

Hilaria Baldwin of Amagansett out jogging in Manhattan on November 10, almost two months after giving birth to daughter Ilaria, who is her seventh child with Alec Baldwin.

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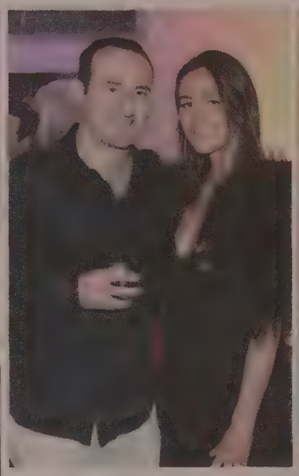

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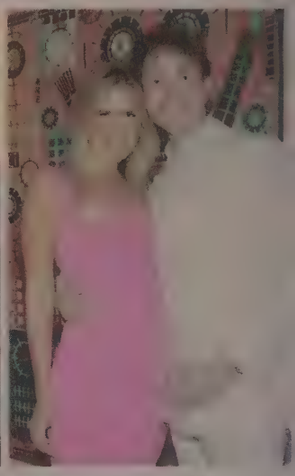

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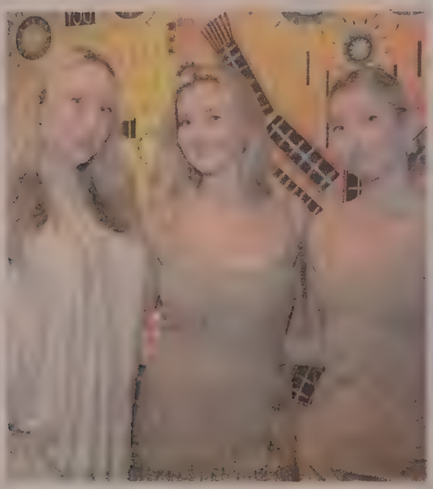

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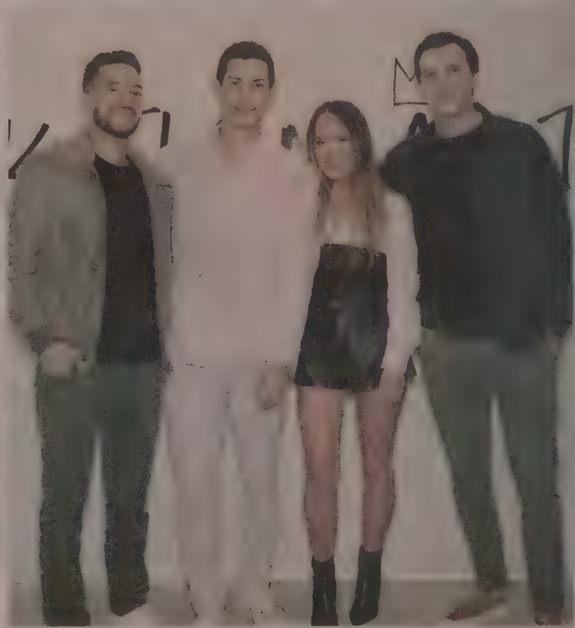

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Salvation Army Paradise Ball Committee Retro Splash Soirée

The Salvation Army's Paradise Ball Committee had a Retro Splash Soirée at the residence of Lori and Michael Bernstein in Palm Beach on Saturday, November 12. Committee members dressed in Slim Aarons Chic with the full moon lighting the way. The Paradise Ball will take place at Mar-a-Lago Club, Palm Beach on Saturday, December 10.

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Lori Bernstein, Michael Bernstein, Barkley

Holly Holden, Joan Parker, Susan Cushing

Trish Caroll, Mark Levy, Janet Levy

Jonathan Session, Charlotte Munder, Jennifer Gowdy, Michael Reinert

Chloe Mikus, Bill Mikus, Paula Mikus

Danielle FASHION PIC OF THE WEEK

SUE JIN SETH, BROOKE KOSINSKU
Seen at: Salvation Army Paradise Ball Retro Splash Soiree, Palm Beach
What we love: Divine silks, fab patterns, chic accessories!
PHOTO: ANNIEWATT.COM

Pop-Up Patch for Philanthropy at The Royal Poinciana Plaza Benefits CAHH

Pumpkin pickers from all over Palm Beach County participated in the Pop-Up Patch for Philanthropy at The Royal Poinciana Plaza in Palm Beach on October 27 to benefit Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope (CAHH). The four-day event raised $20,000 for CAHH, which will be used to help local cancer patients.

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Alan, Grace, Annabella and Jacquelina Gallardo

Henry and Renee Carr

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Kravis Center Dinner Honors New Chair of the Board Sherry Barrat

On November 2, the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach hosted a dinner to celebrate Sherry Barrat, the Kravis Center's sixth chair of the board and Jeffrey Stoops, immediate past chairman of the board. The evening was sponsored by Lugano Diamonds. The Kravis Center is also celebrating its 30th anniversary season.

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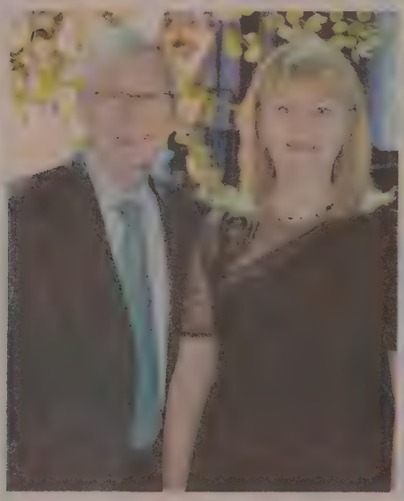
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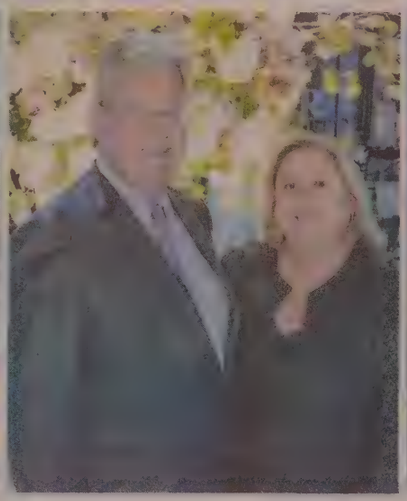
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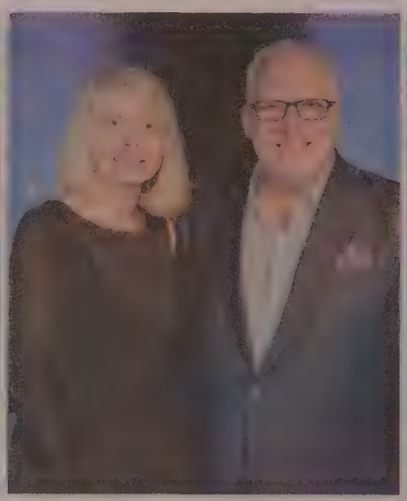
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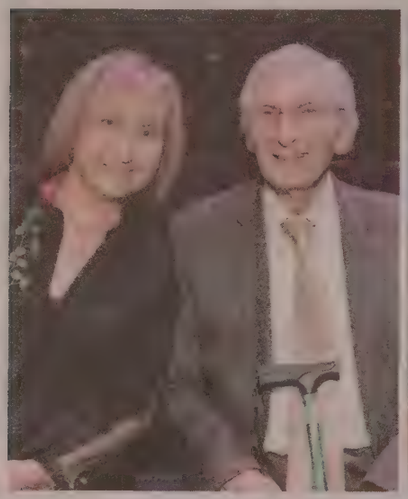
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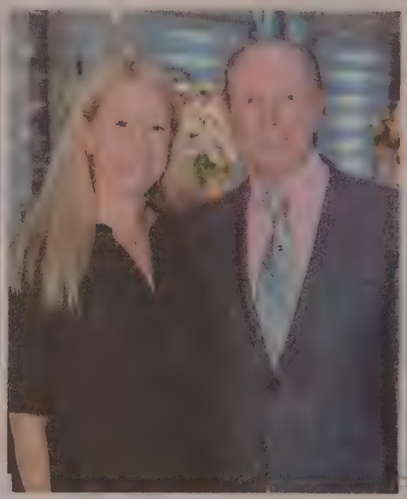
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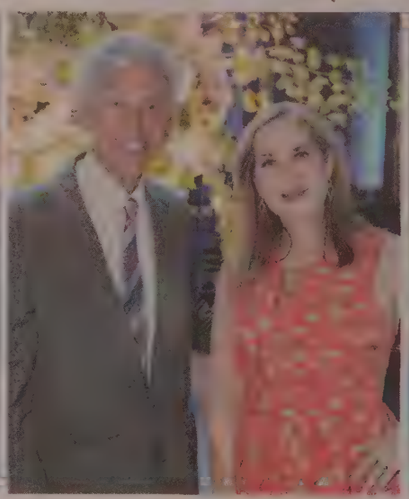
Amin Khoury, Janet Pleasants

Judy and Jim Harpel

Impact the Palm Beaches at Saks Fashion Show Features Cinq à Sept

Members and guests of Impact the Palm Beaches enjoyed an intimate fashion show hosted at Saks Fifth Avenue in Palm Beach Gardens by its general manager, Suzanne Key, on November 2 featuring designer Jane Siskin of Cinq à Sept. Over the last seven years, Impact the Palm Beaches has awarded over $1 million in transformational giving to nonprofits in the community.

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Lauren Sterlacci, Jane Siskin, Suzanne Key, Lisa LaFrance

Carly Augeri, Jen Murtie

Lisa Lickstein, Ann Polya

Ingala O'Brien, Michelle Anne

Lefferdink, Sherrye Fenton

Jazz Society of Palm Beach Tribute at Club Colette

On November 13, the Jazz Society of Palm Beach held a dinner concert tribute to the great American cities that inspired unforgettable jazz featuring jazz greats Lady Pat Dyer and Gregg Jackson at Club Colette in Palm Beach. Emcee was former Fire Islander Paul Noble. *(photos: courtesy Bill Boggs)*

Bill Boggs, Jane Rothchild

Marion Montgomery

Paul Noble (emcee)

NOTABLE SIGHTINGS: Rabbi Marc Schneier with World Leaders

Hampton Synagogue Rabbi Marc Schneier met with H.M., the King of Bahrain, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, at the Bahrain Dialogue Forum in Manama. Rabbi Schneier spoke at the conference with H.H. Pope Francis. *(photo: courtesy Rabbi Schneier)*

On October 26, Hampton Synagogué Rabbi Marc Schneier participated in the private reception held at the residence of Israel's Ambassador to the United States, H.E. Michael Herzog, in Washington, D.C., with his cherished friends H.E. Isaac Herzog, President of the State of Israel, and H.E. Murat Mercan, Ambassador of Turkey to the United States. *(photo: courtesy Rabbi Schneier)*

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NEWS & VIEWS

Housing Fund Passes in 3 East End Towns, Shelter Island Too Close to Call

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

East End voters approved a proposal to create a new real estate tax to form the Community Housing Fund that will enable local governments to financially support affordable housing projects.

The referendum passed in three of the five Twin Forks towns but is trailing by a thin margin on Shelter Island, where absentee ballots are still being counted. Riverhead did not have the measure up for a vote, but can choose to do so in the future.

The CHF enacts a 0.5% real estate transfer tax on property sales.

"I am thrilled that voters have tackled the affordable housing crisis head on by approving the Community Housing Fund," said Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr. (D-Sag Harbor). "The sustainability of our community depends on providing affordable housing for all members of our community. The referendum approval provides a new and important tool in the toolbox to provide our local families with new housing opportunities."

The idea is modeled after the Community Preservation Fund, which created a 2% real estate tax 20 years ago that enables local governments to preserve open space.

Town of East Hampton voters passed the measure by the greatest margin: 66% to 31%, followed by the Town of Southold with 58% to 41% and the Town of Southampton with 53% to 46%, according to unofficial Election Day tallies from the Suffolk County Board of Elections.

On Shelter Island, the referendum trailed 881-889, although at least 78 absentee and affidavit ballots have yet to be counted.

"From apartments to home ownership, we can address these needs across a broad section of the community, both low income and moderate income," said Southold Town Supervisor Scott Russell. "This is an essential component so we can retain a substantial portion of our community who cannot find reasonable housing opportunities. We can make sure that, under a plan we are in the process of crafting, we can create affordable housing opportunities yet still comply with other goals stated in our Comprehensive Master Plan."

INDEPENDENT/COURTESY CONCERN FOR INDEPENENT LIVING, INC.

A RENDERING OF THE 60-UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX PLANNED FOR SOUTHAMPTON NEXT TO SOUTHAMPTON FULL GOSPEL CHURCH ON COUNTY ROAD 39.

Christina Mossaides Strassfield Named Executive Director of SAC

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Southampton Arts Center (SAC) announced November 10 that their search for a new leader is over — longtime Guild Hall director and curator Christina Mossaides Strassfield has been appointed as SAC's new executive director.

SAC engaged Harris Rand Lusk, an executive search firm, to conduct a national search for their new executive director, but the best fit was clearly closer to home.

Strassfield replaces the last director to hold the post, Tom Dunn, who stepped down in August in order to helm Tilles Center for the Performing Arts at Long Island University. Dunn joined SAC as the organization's first official "executive director" in 2018, though it was first led by director Michele Thompson in 2014.

After 29 years at Guild Hall, having served as museum director and chief curator for the past 20 years, the experienced Strassfield will now assume her position at SAC, leading and advancing the organization's mission of community building through the arts.

PATRICK MCMULLAN, COURTESY SAC

CHRISTINA MOSSAIDES STRASSFIELD

"We are thrilled to have Christina step into the leadership position at Southampton Arts Center," SAC founding co-chair Simone Levinson says in the announcement sent out. "Christina is well-known for the close relationships she has forged with the artists who have shaped the New York and East End art world. Her extensive experience and passion for the arts, as well as her strong commitment to the East End, position her perfectly to drive Southampton Arts Center's next phase of growth."

As executive director, SAC says Strassfield will lead all aspects of the organization including "artistic vision and programming, leading development and fundraising initiatives, and cultivating and maintaining the many partnerships and relationships with key stakeholders, among other management functions."

This is not Stassfield's first time working with SAC. She curated the *Figures Transformed* exhibition in the summer of 2022, showcasing the works of Deborah Buck, Hal Buckner, and Strong-Cuevas, each making figurative imagery central to their work.

"I am delighted to join the Southampton Arts Center as executive director," Strassfield says. "I look forward to working with the board and staff as the organization embarks on its 10th year — an opportunity to celebrate all that has been accomplished and the multitude of ways that it will continue to serve the East End community for years to come."

Strassfield leading the arts hub of Southampton Village makes sense as she lives in town, where she has served on the school board among other community activities.

SAC CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

As Strassfield explained, SAC will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2023.

With a view toward strengthening what the organization has accomplished to date, the SAC announcement says they are looking forward to delivering "an extraordinary year of thought-provoking exhibitions and programming."

At the same time, SAC will be launching an important capital campaign to continue its work restoring its historic building and grounds at 25 Jobs Lane, which were once home to the Parrish Art Museum and still have a wonderful collection of outdoor sculpture, including the famous rows of Roman busts, typical referred to as "the Caesars."

Learn more about all Southampton Arts Center has to offer at southamptonartscenter.org or call 631-283-0967.

NEWS & VIEWS

Man Runs from NYC to Montauk for Gun Reform

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A Brooklyn man ran 120 miles from Manhattan to Montauk last weekend with the goal of raising $15,000 for Everytown for Gun Safety, a nonprofit advocating for gun law reform.

Matthew Fertig had raised more than $8,500 in a GoFundMe campaign after his long-distance run, which he completed in two days over November 12–13. His run was in response to a gunman killing 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL on February 14, 2018.

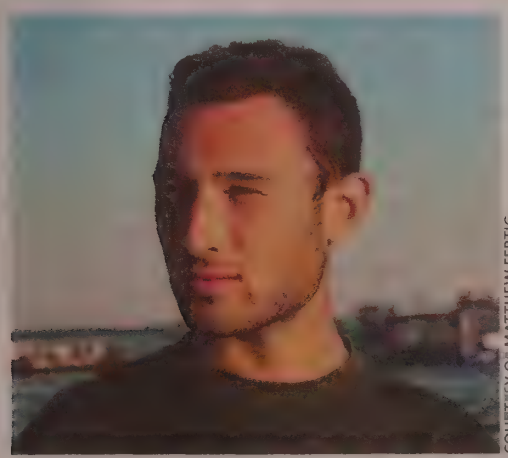
"I was a senior in high school when the Parkland shooting happened and know several people that lost friends and family that day,." he says. "Sadly, four years later, we have made little progress in the fight to prevent gun violence and mass shootings in this country."

The 22-year-old long-distance runner estimated that 10 to 15 people signed up to take part in at least one leg of the NYC to Montauk run with him.

Everytown for Gun Safety (everytown.org) was formed in 2013 for the purpose of educating the public about the detrimental effects of illegal guns in order to reduce gun violence in the United States and to lessen the burdens of government by assisting local governments and law enforcement agencies in their efforts to develop effective policies that would combat illegal guns.

Fertig said he would like to see the federal government pass common sense gun reform. In his opinion, this would include banning the sale of bump stocks and assault rifles, implementing strict background checks on those who wish to purchase a gun and doing more to get ghost guns off the streets.

-With Queens Courier



COURTESY OF MATTHEW FERTIG

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Shinnecock Urge Hochul to Sign Unmarked Graves Act

INDEPENDENT/COURTESY LANCE GUMBS

SUFFOLK COUNTY HOMICIDE SQUAD DETECTIVES INVESTIGATED HUMAN REMAINS THAT WERE UNEARTHED BY CONSTRUCTION WORKERS IN SHINNECOCK HILLS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020.

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Shinnecock Indian Nation advocacy groups are among three dozen organizations urging Gov. Kathy Hochul to sign into law a bill that would protect ancient burial grounds from excavation in New York State.

The state Legislature passed in June the Unmarked Burial Site Protection Act, which would create a committee to review the discovery of an unmarked grave on private land during construction and enact criminal penalties if such a discovery is disregarded without alerting authorities.

"Private developers have unfettered discretion to destroy these grave sites without fear of reprisal," the Shinnecock Graves Protection Warrior Society, Shinnecock Warriors of the Sunrise, Shinnecock Kelp Farmers and others cowrote in the letter sent November 15 to the governor. "If New York State can devise laws to protect wetlands and endangered species, should human remains command anything less?"

The Empire State is one of three nationwide — the other two being New Jersey and Wyoming — that do not have a law in place to bridge the gap created in federal law, which does not address such discoveries on private property. The Town of Southampton passed a law in 2020 that creates a review process to avoid disrupting burial sites, but the issue remains unresolved for the rest of the East End, Long Island and most of the state.

Besides requiring a pause in construction, the act would also mandate a local coroner to be notified, involve a state archaeologist and give the state attorney general's office authority to intervene. The measure would also protect discoveries of mass graves in which African Americans and Revolutionary War casualties were anonymously interred.

The bill is among about 400 reportedly awaiting a decision from Hochul by December 31. Any bills she does not sign by then will be automatically vetoed.

Riverhead Gang Member Gets 27 Years for Murder

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A reputed street gang member from Riverhead was sentenced November 14 to 27 years in federal prison for the fatal shooting of a man while trying to kill a rival in 2015.

Jason "Hov" Langhorn, an associate of the Riverhead-based Red Stone Gorilla subset of the Bloods, was also sentenced by U.S. District Judge Joanna Seybert to three years of supervised release, after he serves his 27 years, during the court appearance at Central Islip federal court.

"Langhorn has been held accountable for his role in a heartless shooting that claimed the life of an unintended victim," said Breon Peace, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York.

Prosecutors said Langhorn and others were trying to kill a rival gang member when they fired 39 shots into a vehicle in which the gunmen thought their intended target was sitting, killing Thomas Lacolla in Riverside on November 17, 2015.

Langhorn pleaded guilty to firearms-related murder in August 2021.

DAN'S COLUMN

What Happened to the Hamptons Subway?

BY DAN RATTINER

THE DAY THEY DISCOVERED THAT A HAMPTONS SUBWAY TUNNEL RUNS UNDER THEIR NEW SUMMER HOME'S FRONT LAWN

People have asked me why we no longer publish the "Hamptons Subway Newsletter" in *Dan's Papers*. It had appeared weekly in the paper for nearly 10 years. Originally, it was just a company newsletter published weekly by management with a small circulation for distribution to employees and riders. But in 2010, we at *Dan's Papers* approached them and asked if we could reprint it in *Dan's* to give it a boost. It would have a much wider readership. And we would do it to help promote their subway system. They were delighted. And so, we commenced to reprint the newsletter in our pages every week until 2018.

However, that year, we noticed that the reporters who wrote the newsletter for the subway system had begun to put things in it that were totally untrue. For example, they rewrote the history of the subway. The truth is that Hamptons Subway was built in 1927 by a New York City builder named Ivan Kratz, using construction material he was stealing from the construction job he had won to build the Lexington Avenue subway line in Manhattan. He'd been trucking these hot goods to the Hamptons and, at first, was hiding it all in the woods here. Then, learning the feds were hot on his tail, he dug tunnels underground and put the materials out of sight. Then he had another idea. He'd use it to build an entire new subway system for the Hamptons. It was the perfect idea. The feds would never know this was stolen goods. And someday in the not-too-distant future, when his prediction that many tourists would be coming out to the East End for visits, he'd unveil it. And open it for business. The Hamptons Subway would make him a fortune.

In less than a year, the underground construction of the Hamptons Subway with all its tunnels, tracks, stairs, turnstiles and platforms was completed. It had 24 stops in all. Unfortunately, before Kratz could open it, he was caught red-handed stealing more hot construction goods in Manhattan, and was arrested, tried, convicted and sent to prison. There, in 1956, he died. And nobody ever knew there was an underground Hamptons Subway here until 1995 when workmen, digging polluted dirt out of a superfund site in Sag Harbor, hit the underground roof of the Sag Harbor station, and from there, after digging down through the ceiling, proceeded along a wonderful underground journey to the discovery of it all. The underground stations opened in 2001 to great fanfare. And it's been a popular mode of transportation since.

Anyway, the bogus revision about the founding of the subway debuted as a six-part television series in 2018, then subsequently as a six-part newsletter account, in which Ivan Kratz is presented as an early environmental pioneer out to do good who gets tangled up with a corrupt Republican governor of the state of New York who sets him up, arrests him and gets him put away in the penitentiary.

In another version of this history, published this time as a book (reviewed in the newsletter), Kratz is presented as an immigrant from Guatemala who snuck over the border years earlier to run drugs and kidnap young women for the sex trade to benefit a corrupt Democratic mayor of the city of New York.

Soon after that, another lie appeared in the newsletter. It said Kratz's wife, Mildred, an early suffragist demanding that women get the right to vote, had been responsible for turning him in and then, in later years, after he was put away, ran in the 1946 Boston Marathon dressed as a man. And nobody ever knew.

Then it was reported in the Hamptons Subway newsletter that experts had determined she'd actually won that marathon. Because of that revelation, the subway ordered a life-size statue of her holding a tennis racket (tennis was another sport she excelled at), which was then taken down to the Southampton platform to replace the statue of founder Ivan Kratz, now badly defaced and vandalized after it was reported in the newsletter that he'd had slaves build his subway systems all those years earlier.

And there were more lies in the newsletter. One was that an entire television studio run by Russians was operational in a subway storeroom in the tunnel between Southampton and Shinnecock, and, working closely with election deniers provided by the Oath Keepers, was able to keep the truth of the results of the 2020 presidential election from getting out to the general public until, actually, January 6.

And finally, there were repeated bogus reports in the newsletter about the dangerous situation on the subway platforms where wild-eyed strangers from unknown foreign countries were to be seen not necessarily pushing people off the platforms but instead thinking of pushing people off the platforms into oncoming subway trains, while the subway police looked the other way, pretending to fiddle with their body cams.

The last straw was a claim that in the ladies bathroom on the Bridgehampton platform, a prominent Democratic candidate for county executive, the previously unknown sister of President Joe Biden, was running an abortion clinic where fetuses were being sold to the Aztec Indians in the Sinaloa province of Mexico in exchange for bitcoin.

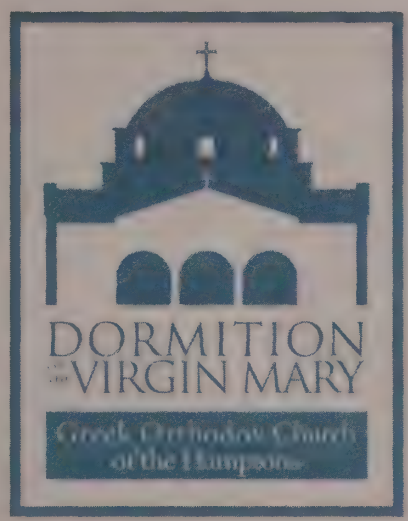
And so, in late 2020, we confronted the editors about all this. In reply, the editors said the newsletter was now getting millions of hits and no, they wouldn't stop publishing inaccurate material. So, reluctantly, we broke our long-term arrangement with them and ceased reprinting the newsletter in our pages.

And the lies continue. Now the newsletter editors say in their pages that the newsletter can still be found in *Dan's Papers* and if it cannot be seen when you look through the paper, it's because the left-wing group Antifa is illegally taking it down every week, stomping on it, breaking our code and then blaming it on the Proud Boys.

Through it all, the subway system continues to run, taking the overflow of passenger traffic formerly on the roads, trains and helicopters up top on the surface.

But now, there is great news. We have just learned that Elon Musk is about to buy the "Hamptons Subway." If this comes to pass and Mr. Musk uses his blue-check system to cause the editors to write only factually correct material in the newsletter, we intend, spurred on by folks who used to love that column in *Dan's Papers*, to once again publish the "Hamptons Subway" newsletter in our pages.

Cross your fingers.



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U.S. CAPITOL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Midterm Mandate: Compromise Urged Amid Newly Split Congressional Control

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

From the Hamptons to the Florida Keys, Republicans are poised to recapture a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, but the GOP fell short of flipping Democratic control of the U.S. Senate.

Although pundits' projections of a red wave of surging Republican voters turning out in opposition to Democratic President Joe Biden came partly true, the results show Democrats were also motivated to cast ballots following the controversial U.S. Supreme Court ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade, the decision guaranteeing abortion rights nationwide. With Congress split between both parties as a result, leaders on either side of the aisle will be forced to work together to pass legislation, budgets and appointments.

"We've got to focus on getting things done," U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer (D-NY) told reporters after learning that Democrats will maintain their 50-50 split in the chamber with Vice President Kamala Harris serving as the tie-breaking vote. "That means we're going to have to compromise."

Democratic Senate control means the president's allies in his own party will be tasked with confirming executive branch nominees and judges, including for the U.S. Supreme Court, if there are any vacancies in the next two years. Democrats will be able to decide what bills to put on the Senate floor but Republicans have signaled they plan to use control of the House to bring oversight to the president politically ahead of the 2024 presidential election.

Schumer said he intends to sit down with U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and try to find places to agree, even though the two men have traditionally had a frosty relationship. McConnell described the Democrats' narrow win in the Senate as confirmation of a "closely divided nation."

U.S. Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), the GOP minority leader, is poised to take over the gavel from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), although by a slimmer margin than many expected. Helping push Republicans over the edge were not only red states like Florida, where the GOP flipped three House seats, but also blue states like New York, where conservative congressional candidates picked up seats in the New York City suburbs, including two on Long Island.

"Tonight — not just here but across the country — was a message to Joe Biden, Nancy Pelosi and other powers that be that American voters want to stop the runaway spending that has driven up gas and groceries costs, secure the open border that is letting illegal drugs and weapons into our communities, stop relying on foreign nations, some of which are our adversaries, for oil, and stop coddling criminals at the cost of public safety," said Nick LaLota, the Republican congressman-elect for the East End of LI. "When I'm sworn in on January 3, I'll work with the new Republican House Majority to bring responsible and transparent government back to Washington."

LaLota replaces outgoing U.S. Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-Shirley), who, instead of seeking re-election, ran a losing gubernatorial bid in a failed attempt to unseat Democratic Gov. Kathy Hochul. Zeldin got traction campaigning on a promise to address rising crime, but Hochul kept her job as the Empire State's first female governor while reminding voters of Zeldin's anti-abortion stance and defense of former

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LONG ISLAND PRESS PHOTO

DONALD TRUMP SPEAKS AT GRUMMAN STUDIOS IN BETHPAGE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016

President Donald Trump.

For his part, Trump waited a week after Election Day to announce his Republican candidacy for the White House, setting up a potential rematch of the 2020 presidential election between him and Biden. But the GOP's less-than-expected midterm results put a damper on his declaration during a news conference at his Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach, where he has faced criticism that he is to blame for Republicans not winning more seats.

"America's comeback starts right now," Trump told cheering supporters.

Another campaign is a remarkable turn for any former president, much less one who made history as the first to be impeached twice and whose term ended with his supporters violently storming the U.S. Capitol in a deadly bid to halt the peaceful transition of power on January 6, 2021. Just one president in U.S. history has been elected to two nonconsecutive terms: Grover Cleveland in 1884 and 1892.

> *"We're going to have to compromise," said U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer.*

Trump is also facing a series of intensifying criminal investigations, including a Justice Department probe into the hundreds of documents with classified markings that were discovered in boxes and drawers at Mar-a-Lago. His company was on trial for criminal tax fraud in Manhattan during the announcement and Congress has subpoenaed Trump to testify in its ongoing probe of the Capitol riots.

Trump is hoping to stave off a long list of potential challengers, including Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who cruised to reelection and is now being urged by many in his party to run for president as well. Trump has already begun to lash out at DeSantis publicly and the Florida governor shot back, dismissing the criticism as "noise."

"At the end of the day, I would just tell people to go check out the scoreboard from last Tuesday night," DeSantis told reporters.

Trump has tried to blame McConnell for the GOP's performance — and McConnell allies have criticized Rick Scott, the Florida senator who heads the Senate Republicans' campaign committee.

However, Trump has received the brunt of criticism for elevating candidates in states like Pennsylvania and Arizona who were unappealing to voters because they embraced his lies about the 2020 election or held hardline views on issues like abortion that were out of step with the mainstream. While Trump has the backing of the No. 3 House Republican, Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY), others were already moving on. Some were torn.

U.S. Rep. Brian Mast (R-Fort Pierce), who is considered DeSantis' closest ally in Congress yet received Trump's endorsement for re-election and represents the district that includes Palm Beach, has not indicated which way he'll lean in a possible primary between the two.

He told CNN, "In a hypothetical of things, both of them have my support."

-With Associated Press

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Dan's Papers Palm Beach Issues Return for Second Season

THE DECEMBER 2022 ISSUE MARKS THE FOURTH *DAN'S PAPERS PALM BEACH* ISSUE TO DATE.

Dan's Papers, the iconic guide for where to go and what to do on the East End, has once again followed many of its New York readers down south for the winter with *Dan's Papers Palm Beach*.

The Palm Beach paper launched in 2022 with three issues in January, February and March, each of which covered Palm Beach County arts, food, leisure, celebrities, news and more. Copublishers Victoria and Joshua Schneps had envisioned the *Dan's Papers* brand reaching readers in all corners of the "Golden Triangle" (New York City, the East End and Palm Beach), and *Dan's Papers Palm Beach* was the missing piece to make that vision a reality.

The premiere issue featured cover art by world-renowned artist Hunt Slonem (MET, Guggenheim, DTR Modern Galleries), as well as features on Kelly Ripa's fitness trainer Isaac Boots, philanthropist Jean Shafiroff, *The Real Housewives of New York City* star Ramona Singer, Bill Boggs, Tommy Hilfiger, artist Jeff Koons and fashion marvel Iris Apfel.

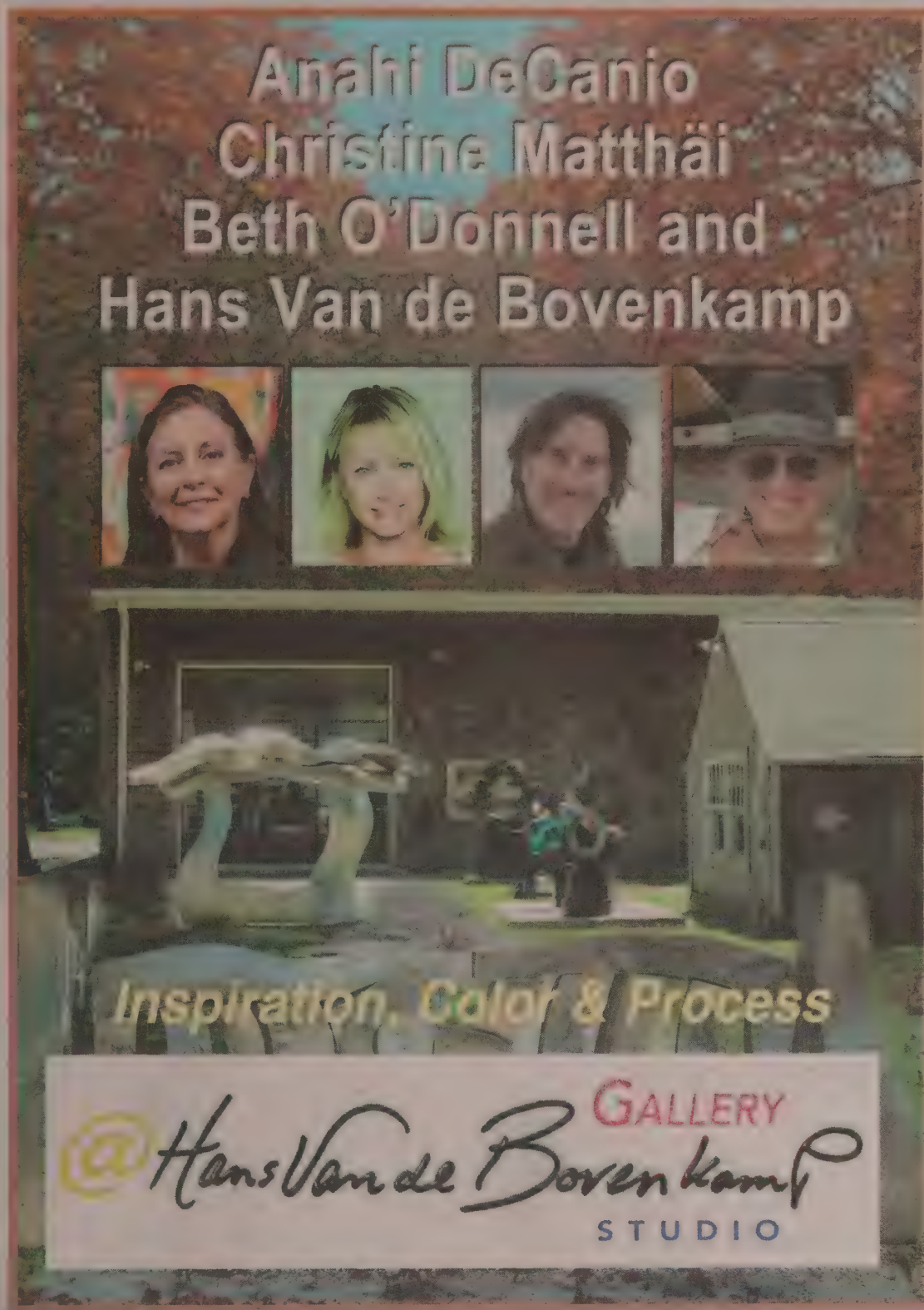
After its initial three issues, *Dan's Papers Palm Beach* continued catering to its Southern audience with the monthly Dan's Papers Palm Beach Insider newsletter, which continues to provide insightful content to thousands of subscribers.

For the paper's second winter, *Dan's Papers Palm Beach* is kicking things off a month early, bringing its Palm Beach fans a fourth issue: December, January, February and March. And once again, Hunt Slonem's art graces the cover of the season's debut issue. The December 2022 issue showcases the hottest shopping, dining, happenings and holiday events.

Tucked inside both the November 18, 2022 issue of *Dan's Papers* and the December 2022 issue of *Dan's Papers Palm Beach* is a special edition issue of *Behind the Hedges Palm Beach* covering the biggest sales and most spectacular homes in the Palm Beach real estate market. Also in both of these issues is Page A1A, a rare sneak peek into the parties of Palm Beach's rich and fabulous.

Throughout the East End's off-season, *Dan's Papers* will continue to serve readers in the Hamptons and on the North Fork, while *Dan's Papers Palm Beach* caters to readers in Palm Beach County.

Check out the Dan's Papers, Dan's Papers Palm Beach *and* Behind the Hedges *digital editions at DansPapers.com/read-the-paper-online.*



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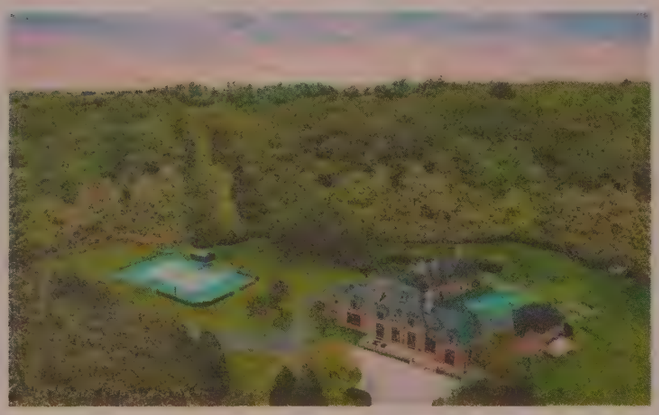

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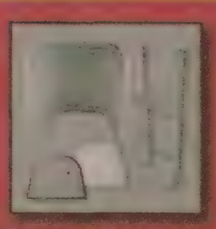

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THE MODERN MAIN HOUSE AT THE WATER MILL ESTATE, LISTED FOR $43 MILLION, CONTAINS FOUR LEVELS.

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

On the market for the very first time, a "contemporary architectural masterpiece" in Water Mill by renowned architect Roger Ferris is asking a whopping $43 million. Enzo Morabito of Douglas Elliman Real Estate has the listing.

"What Roger Ferris created here architecturally is truly a piece of art," says Morabito. "It's sculptural and dramatic in design and so thoughtfully poised to capture the most incredible Mecox Bay and the Atlantic Ocean views. Built to the highest standards, every detail was carefully considered and beautifully executed. This first-time offering is an absolute must-see."

The south-of-the-highway property is located in one of the most prestigious waterfront associations in Water Mill, says Morabito. The gated estate at 34 and 30 Cobb Island Road is composed of two separate lots, one with the main house overlooking Mecox Bay and the Atlantic Ocean in the distance, and the other with a fully restored guest house. Plus, there are two private docks on Meyers Pond with access to Burnett Creek to the rear.

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Built in 2017, the main home sits on 1.69 acres. Described as a dramatic steel frame home with 9,700 square feet of living space, it boasts "walls of frameless structurally glazed glass units" from Vitrocsa Invisible Wall, the original slimline sliding system made in Switzerland. Along with Ipe decking, it helps creates seamless indoor-outdoor living spaces.

Two wings connected by a glass bridge overlook the south-facing heated gunite pool with LED lights, perfect for summertime evening outdoor entertaining.

"Its design responds to intensive constraints, including vertical restrictions, flood zone requirements and setbacks to protect wetlands," according to information about the project on Roger Ferris + Partners' website. "Its organization of solids, voids, levels and angles is further informed by the site conditions, yielding a dramatic elevated form with two structures, each canted to frame views of the adjacent marsh and the Atlantic Ocean."

On the east wing, is the great room with a fireplace that flows into the dining room, as well as the colorful kitchen and master suite, while the west wing contains guest quarters. "Tying the two volumes together, a deck with living and lounging areas and a pool face the south," the architect's description explains.

The custom kitchen contains Bulthaup cabinets, Krion countertops and a ColorKote glass backsplash. There is also a media room and a wet bar. A "poured-in-place, high-grade polyurethane resin flooring by Bolidt with a white gloss finish" can be seen throughout the home, the listing description reads.

With a total of five bedrooms, six full bathrooms and three half bathrooms, the house reveals a primary suite that is quite luxurious with double bathrooms and an office.

There are four levels to the home, including a walk-out lower level and a rooftop terrace with an outdoor kitchen and gardens. Stone terracing was created with a machine-polished concrete terrazzo by Concrete Collaborative.

The main house includes a four-car garage. A Kohler generator means the main house will have uninterrupted backup during a power outage.

On a separate 0.92-acre lot is the 2,700-square-foot house that includes a garage. Fully renovated in 2020, the house offers another three bedrooms, two full bathrooms and one-half bathroom.

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2. Don't make car keys accessible. Thieves often steal vehicles when the keys are left in the ignition or hidden in the car.

3. Don't leave valuables in your car. Leaving valuables such as electronics, wallets, cash, etc. in plain sight makes your vehicle a target.

4. Lock the wheels. Thieves can be deterred by anti-theft devices on steering wheels or brake locks.

5. Know your vehicle. Make sure to document your license plate number, VIN number, make, model, year, and color in order to file a police report if need be.

6. Buy a vehicle with an alarm. Most vehicles today come equipped with anti-theft devices which auto insurance companies give discounts for.

7. Park in well-lit areas. Most vehicle thefts occur at night when its dark outside. Parking in a lit and visible area is best.

8. Engage your emergency brake. Vehicles are more difficult for thieves to tow away if the emergency brake is engaged.

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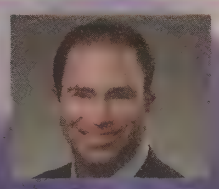

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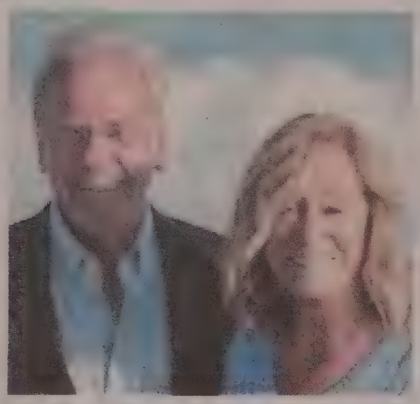

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Baiting Hollow	David Bujnicki	Athina Skopelitis	1 Silver Beech Lane	Residence	07/18/22	715,000
	Karen Kanelopoulous	33 Fox Hill Drive LLC	33 Fox Hill Drive	Condo	12/16/21	489,000
	Sue Taylor	Ian Van Bourgondien	51 Harper Road	Residence	06/09/22	399,000
Bridgehampton	Johnette Howard	Rhett & Nicole Keller	84 Huntington Crossway	Residence	07/27/22	2,300,000
Calverton	George Gudmundsen	Roberto & Daisy Salcedo	191 South Path	Residence	09/02/22	600,000
Cutchogue	Rimor Development LLC	Bert & Sandra Spitz	62 Millstone Lane	Condo	06/03/22	950,000
	Rimor Development LLC	Richard & Diane Carlson	32 Harvest Pointe Lane	Condo	06/02/22	935,000
East Hampton	Deborah Iliffe	Timothy Mohen	44 Buell Lane	Residence	08/08/22	3,000,000
	Estate of Pamela Choy	Poochie & Ollie LLC	30 North Hollow Drive	Residence	07/14/22	1,700,000
East Marion	Nicholas & Denise Gounaris	Tara Berman	3190 The Long Way	Residence	08/04/22	1,250,000
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Flanders	Yara Rodrigues-Sword	Guadalupe Ramirez	133 Maple Avenue	Residence	03/24/22	430,000
	Estate of Mary Farruggia	Richard Casabianca	80 Royal Avenue	Residence	08/25/22	285,000
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Hampton Bays	8 Woods LLC	Kevin McDonough	156 Springville Road	Residence	07/28/22	995,000
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	Daurene & Thomas Lanning	Stiven Orrego	3 Easterly Road	Residence	06/30/22	699,000
	Estate of Ronald Pielli	1113 Lawrence Avenue LLC	11 Lawrence Avenue	Residence	05/20/22	650,000
Laurel	Carol & Eugene Glazer	Richard & Lisa Israel	860 Laurel Court	Residence	06/30/22	2,850,000
	Estate of Marilyn McNulty	Further North Farm LLC	245 Peconic Bay Blvd	Vacant	05/16/22	590,000
Mattituck	Oasis at Mattituck Corp	Rebecca Gnessin	4355 Stanley Road	Residence	05/25/22	1,725,000
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Sag Harbor	Marianne Houtenbos	Clarence Banks Family LP	15 Church Street Unit 116	Condo	09/13/22	1,800,000
	Kate Goldman	GBP 2022 LLC	11 Grand Street	Residence	07/15/22	1,600,000
	Michael Parrella Trust	Beach Guy LLC	33 South Valley Road	Residence	07/13/22	1,310,000
	Rana Family Trust	24 Windmere Drive LLC	24 Windermere Drive	Residence	02/15/22	1,100,000
Shelter Island	Sylvie & John Larkin	Glenn Brown	30 Baldwin Road	Residence	06/08/22	1,645,000
	Estate of Jerome Berner	Their House LLC	14 Baldwin Road	Residence	08/31/22	1,300,000
	Dorothy MacFarlane Living Trust	Joseph Bocci	2 Deer Park Lane	Vacant	10/24/22	135,000
Shelter Island Heights	Louise Allen	Jarrod Scuglik	151 North Ferry Road	Residence	07/28/22	3,500,000
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Honoring This Week's Cover Art: Ted Vassilev Talks Hunt Slonem

BY DAVID TAYLOR

On the cover of the November 18, 2022 issue of *Dan's Papers* and the December 2022 issue of *Dan's Paper Palm Beach* is "Totem Fly" by renowned artist Hunt Slonem. His first cover artwork for *Dan's Papers* was on the cover of the debut *Dan's Paper Palm Beach* issue in January 2022, and we're thrilled to feature his art once more. "Totem Fly" comes to us courtesy of DTR Modern Galleries — with locations in New York City, Palm Beach, Nantucket, Boston and Washington, D.C. — so we got in touch with DTR Modern owner Ted Vassilev to discuss Slonem's successful career and visions of colorful butterflies, birds and bunnies.

How is this week's cover art, Hunt Slonem's "Totem Fly" (2022), representative of the artistic voice found in Slonem's other recent works?

This is a very typical Hunt Slonem painting, having the dynamic brushstrokes dipped in rainbow colors, the butterfly as a totem creature, signifying the idea of personal metamorphosis and the existential notion of death and rebirth. It is an example of his search of spirituality and spiritualism which is central to his body of work that spreads across close to 50 years of artistic life.

How does Slonem's distinct Neo-Expressionist style set his work apart from that of his contemporaries?

It is a mistake to qualify Hunt in any particular style. His is larger than any one particular artistic style in the same way that it is a common misperception to qualify Warhol as a "Pop" artist. Warhol is primarily a conceptual artist that employs the visual language of Pop art. In the very same way, Hunt Slonem is a deeply conceptual artist that uses Pop, Neo-Expressionist, Neo-Pop, et cetera iconography and sensitivities. But, like Warhol, behind this there is an intellectual construct that defines the concept of the work.

COURTESY DTR MODERN GALLERIES

HUNT SLONEM AND TED VASSILEV WITH SLONEM'S BUNNY PAINTINGS

How and when did DTR Modern Galleries' relationship with Slonem begin?

My relationship with Hunt began almost 25 years ago when I first met him at his studio in New York's West Village. I was mesmerized by the exotic and lush appearance of the artwork and entire surrounding environment. From there, our professional relationship evolved into a long-lasting friendship.

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"MIDAS" BY HUNT SLONEM, AVAILABLE AT DTR MODERN

How has Slonem's status in the art world evolved since DTR Modern Galleries first acquired his work, and how do you foresee his career's trajectory moving forward?

Over the last 25 years Hunt has created an amazing body of work, including paintings, drawings, sculptures and editions. We have been privileged to introduce him to major collections and collectors, being instrumental in facilitating and collaborating with Hunt on museum exhibitions as well as adding to his world-wide acclaim. Our most recent project was *Hunt Slonem: The Bigger Picture*, the extremely well received retrospective book published by Scala Arts Publishers, with contributing critics and curators such as Lily Wei, Eleanor Heartney and in conversation with Hans Ulrich Obrist. I see Hunt's career evolving and expanding on the same trajectory as it has to date, which is to say, limitless.

With DTR Modern Galleries locations in NYC, Palm Beach, Nantucket, Boston and D.C., would you say that Slonem's art appeals especially well to clientele in one of these markets, or is it equally popular across the board?

It appeals equally to our collectors across the board. The reason being that he is an incredible balancing act between exotica and "lush," between representation and abstraction, between spirituality and materialism. In general, his body of work and his environments presented together in one space represent the "total artwork," or Hunt Slonem as himself.

Would you like to share any closing thoughts or additional information?

DTR Modern Galleries is pleased to present a Hunt Slonem solo show, celebrating 20 years of Basel Miami at Art Miami, booth AM405, from November 29 through December 4. For additional information, please contact info@dtrmodern.com.

To see more of Hunt Slonem's work at DTR Modern Galleries and inquire about purchasing a piece, visit dtrmodern.com/portfolio/hunt-slonem.

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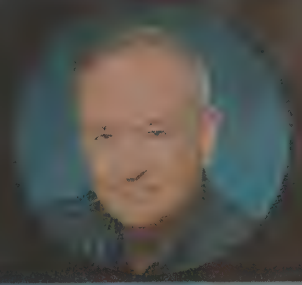

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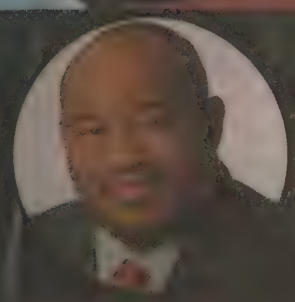

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A Perfect After Thanksgiving Show at Van de Bovenkamp Studio

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Sagaponack artist Hans Van de Bovenkamp is opening his studio for another new group exhibition, *Color, Inspiration and Process*, starting with a special artists reception next Saturday, November 26 from 3–6 p.m. and continuing by appointment through December 6.

Curated and organized by Geralyn Lewandowski, the exhibition will include Van de Bovenkamp's work along exciting pieces by three guest artists from the East End: Anahi DeCanio, Christine Matthäi and Beth O'Donnell.

"My focus this time was going to be people who connect with architects and interior designers, and all of these three artists, their biggest market is in this area," explains Lewandowski, who local art lovers might know from her series of "Art Groove" shows over the last decade at Ashawagh Hall in Springs.

She also reached out to artist Jeff Muhs, but he was not available, so it became an all-women show (besides Van de Bovenkamp) instead. Besides being women and connecting with architects and designers, the three artists present richly layered mixed media paintings.

DeCanio's work draws inspiration from nature as well as urban landscapes as she explores the juxtaposition of feminine energy with graffiti-like textures, patina and text.

O'Donnell blends a variety of techniques such as pigmented encaustic wax on Japanese gampi rice paper, photography, stencil and mixed media collage for bold yet nuanced results.

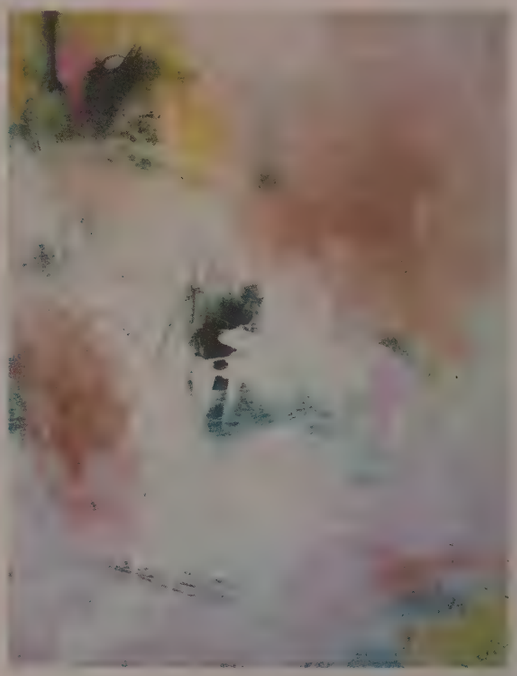
Matthäi, whose work is quite visually separate from the other two, paints as a form of meditation, often combining spiritual influences with natural beauty, skillfully capturing the essence of light and water.

Van de Bovenkamp, of course, is known for his abstract metal sculptures, which are on view throughout his studio and the surrounding 7-acre property, but he's focusing on painted and drawn works on paper for this show, including colorful portraits. Lewandowski hopes he will also display some early works on paper in this exhibition.

"When you go there it's just going to be amazing," she says, noting that the first Gallery @ Hans Van de Bovenkamp Studio group show was a huge hit in August.

"It was so successful the first time that Hans really wants to do it again," Lewandowski continues, recalling the August show. "The turnout was amazing and we raised a lot of money for Maureen's Haven.

"BLUEBIRDS" BY HANS VAN DE BOVENKAMP



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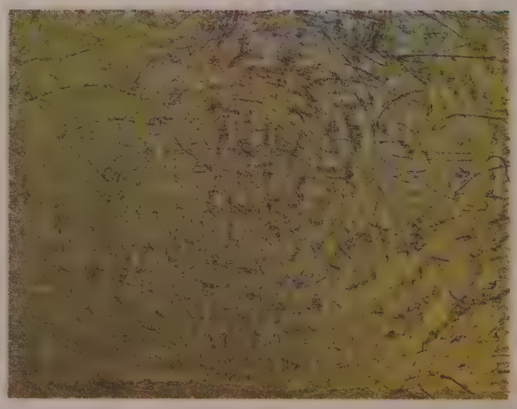

"FORMING MOVEMENT" OR "HOW THE SUN WAS MADE" BY CHRISTINE MATTHÄI

"DEER HEART" BY BETH O'DONNELL

"The concept here is to get different artists and everybody working together, and also to get a nonprofit," she says.

Every artist sold work in the last show, and they raised about $5,000 in donations for Maureen's Haven, a homeless shelter and outreach organization in Riverhead. This time, the exhibition sales will benefit the Ellen Hermanson Foundation, which supports the fight against breast cancer and supports women suffering with the disease, raising money each year with the popular Ellen's Run 5K race in Southampton.

"I'm kind of making this up as I go along," Lewandowski admits, though it's been going well so far. "I just thought this was a good time, this last time right after Thanksgiving, and then we probably won't do anything until the spring," she adds, pointing out that these shows are partly outdoors and won't work in the winter.

Lewandowski says she also wanted to get one more show up because, despite its success and great turnout last time, she heard from a number of people who missed the first show in August. "I think there are a lot of people who would've come the first time who will now come because they heard how amazing it was," she says, explaining that these exhibitions are all about gathering different cross sections of the community and getting folks together with shared interests.

"This is my passion in a way. My motivation isn't making a lot of money for myself, per se. I'm very happy when the artists sell and all that. There's something about it that I really enjoy when I see people come together," Lewandowski says.

Anyone looking to attend this "perfect after Thanksgiving event" opening reception on Saturday, November 26 must RSVP by emailing geralyn@vondebovenkamp.com. After the opening, the show will be available by appointment (email Geralyn at address above) through Tuesday, December 6.

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8 More East End Holiday Lightings Worth Celebrating

As promised in last week's issue of *Dan's Papers*, here are even more Christmas and Chanukah lightings for those of us who simply can't get enough holiday cheer.

The annual **Lighting of the Big Duck** is traditionally held on the Wednesday after Thanksgiving, and like clockwork, the event has been announced for Wednesday, November 30, 7–9 p.m. The Suffolk County Parks Department invites the community to celebrate with duck carols and a visit from the big man in red himself, Santa Claus. *1012 NY-24, Flanders. 631-854-4949, web1.myvscloud.com/wbwsc/nysuffolkctywt.wsc*

Rudolph's glowing red nose will light the way for Santa and the other reindeer at the beloved **East Hampton Village Santa Parade** on Saturday, December 3 at 10 a.m. *Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0362, easthamptonchamber.com*

Baron's Cove in Sag Harbor is adding to the village's celebrations with its own **Tree Lighting Celebration** on Saturday, December 3, 6:30–9 p.m. The fun starts with eggnog, frozen hot chocolate, candy cane martinis and warm gingerbread cookies in the lounge, followed by a visitor from Santa. Then the countdown begins to the lighting of the holiday Tannenbaums at 7:30 p.m. *31 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-2100, caperesorts.com/barons-cove*

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WATCH AS BARON'S COVE IS LIT UP WITH LIGHTS THIS YEAR.

The Shelter Island Chamber of Commerce is hosting a **Shelter Island Community Tree Lighting** on Tuesday, December 6, 5–7 p.m., replete with music and caroling, followed by hot chocolate, cookies and photos with Santa at the American Legion. *Town of Shelter Island Police Headquarters, 44 North Ferry Road, Shelter Island. shelterislandchamber.org*

The Greater Westhampton Chamber of Commerce is celebrating Christmas and Chanukah with a full day of holiday fun for everyone. **WHB Winter Fest** on Saturday, December 10, includes a tree lighting, menorah lighting and festivities for the whole family. *The Village Green, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-3337, westhamptonchamber.org*

The **East Hampton Menorahcade** returns to sound off the start of Chanukah with a parade of menorah-topped cars traveling from the Chabad of the Hamptons to the iconic Hook Windmill. There, the grand community menorah, moved from Herrick Park this year, will be lit for the first time this holiday. The parade kicks off on Sunday, December 18 at 3:30 p.m. *42 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-329-5800, chabadofthehamptons.com*

The Chabad of the North Fork hosts its annual **Public Menorah Lighting and Celebration** in Mattituck on Sunday, December 18 at 5 p.m. All residents of the North Fork and beyond are welcome to share in the festivities. *725 Bennetts Pond Lane, Mattituck. 631-664-9831, chabadofnorthfork.org*

Temple Adas Israel invites the Sag Harbor community to join in this year's first **Lighting of the Long Wharf Menorah** on Sunday, December 18 at 6 p.m. The menorah can be found below the windmill in front of Bay Street Theater. *Long Wharf, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0904, templeadasisrael.org*

Expanding history

I had the wonderful pleasure of visiting the Rechler Equity Partners' reimagining of a historic Hamptons site that has been lovingly restored, expanded and brought back from its 1692 roots of welcoming travelers: the stunning, art-filled Canoe Place Inn & Cottages along the Shinnecock Canal in Hampton Bays located in the town of Southampton.

As I had the valet take my car, I entered the newly created warm and inviting environment.

I had been invited to see the nearly completed multi-acre waterfront property, which has been decades in the making, with rooms in the inn, as well as in the "boat house" along the Shinnecock Canal. It's a year-round resort that also features a ballroom for 300 people, a spa and restaurants.

There is an old-world library that welcomes guests with a huge historic fireplace and an intimate dining and seating area.

I was lucky enough to have lunch at the charming and inviting Good Ground Tavern on a sunny day with the light streaming through the large windows surrounding the bar area contiguous to the dining rooms.

Our party of four was eager to share the many innovative dishes on the American cuisine menu.

The historic Canoe Place Inn provides breakfast, lunch and dinner, and we were ready to enjoy lunch together.

Our meal began with shared delectable Neapolitan and mushroom personal pizzas, made just how I like it with a crispy crust and loaded with cheese. We had enough for us all to share, but we had just begun!

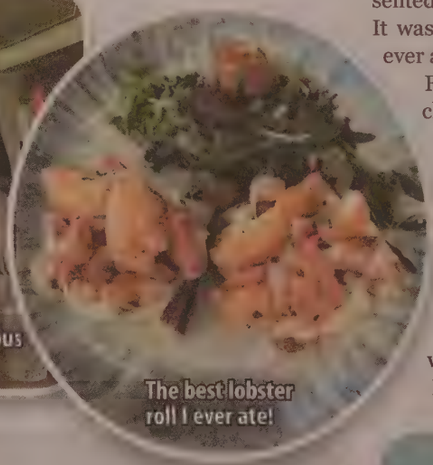
We then had an unusual, but tasty pumpkin seed hummus that is definitely worth ordering again!

The friendly, informed waitress Kelly — she was wearing a name tag, which I appreciated — brought us our next dish: four round, bite-sized crab cakes rich with meat and cooked to perfection. They practically melted in my mouth!

A peek inside the Good Ground Tavern

Although each course excited my palate, my favorite dish was the lobster roll crostini — sumptuous pieces of juicy lobster seasoned with tarragon, lemon aioli presented on grilled sourdough. It was the best lobster roll I ever ate!

Kelly served us our delicious lunch at Canoe Place Inn.


The best lobster roll I ever ate!

For dessert, we chose chocolate chip cookies loaded with chips that melted in my mouth.

What a sweet ending to a superb meal! I can't wait to return!

Following our lovely lunch, we drove over to meet two world-class sculptors.

First, we met with Joel Perlman, who was working in his barn in Southampton. Then, we were off to visit Hans Van de Bovenkamp's 8-acre sculpture garden in Sagaponack.

Both men create sculptures from metal, but each have their own distinct styles.

Stay tuned for Hans' upcoming art show and sale raising money for a local cause on Saturday, Nov. 26, featuring his work and the work of fellow artists Anahi DeCanio, Christine Matthäi and Beth O'Donnell. See you there!

Joel Perlman in his gallery with some of his smaller pieces, but he has a larger sculpture on display outside the Parrish Art Museum.

Hans' stunning work, titled "Lady Grace"

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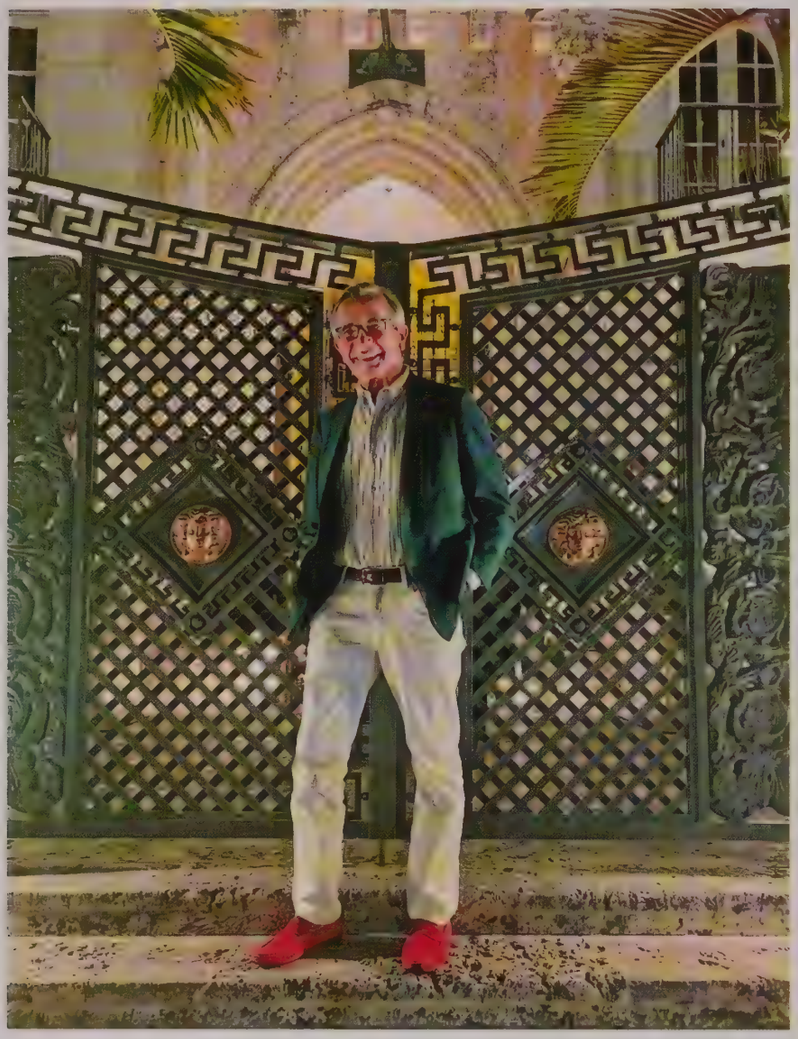

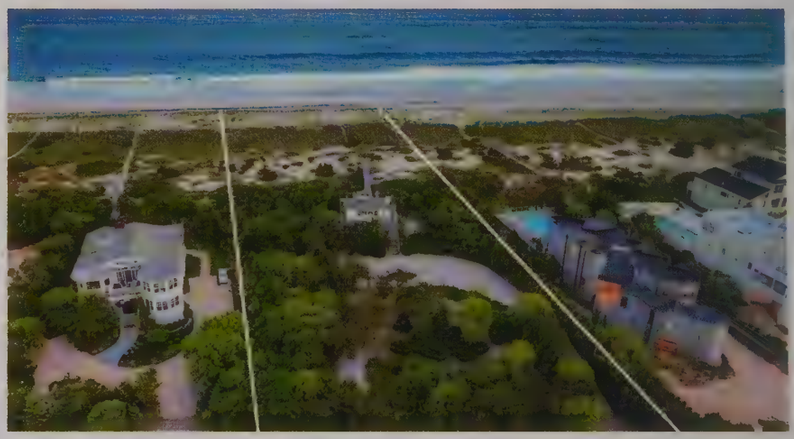

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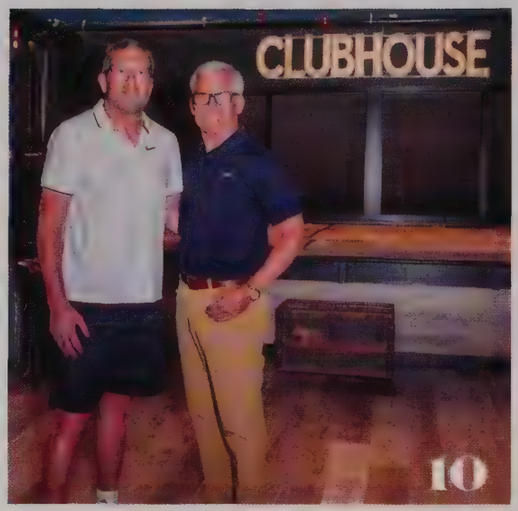

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Flying South: How Does the Palm Beach Market Compare to the Hamptons?

As the weather turns cooler in the Hamptons, the snowbirds understandably fly south. We are joining in by taking a peek behind the hedges in the Palm Beach area for the 2022–2023 season. As the COVID-19 pandemic has waned, and interest rates have skyrocketed, the real estate market nationwide has changed. We asked brokers in the know, in both Palm Beach and the Hamptons, to weigh in on how the two markets are faring. We are curious, are the markets responding the same way, or differently?

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The Hamptons and Palm Beach markets have both experienced unprecedented activity and price increases in the last several years. Since the late spring sales activity has slowed in both markets due to economic uncertainties. The Palm Beach rental market is gearing up as the season approaches with very little inventory and the Hamptons market is going in the opposite direction as the season recently ended. Sales are about the same in both markets, slow and steady.

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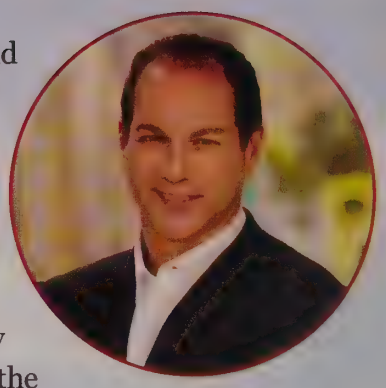

The Palm Beach market and Hamptons market have always had many parallels (as our clientele is the same in many respects) although Palm Beach isn't as Wall Street-driven as the Hamptons. Currently, neither market has the sense of urgency that we experienced during the pandemic. As a result, buyers now have the opportunity to evaluate their options rather than make instant decisions. The Palm Beach market returned to its normal seasonal pace over the summer. Presently, the Palm Beach market has just under 45 homes for sale which is historically low. At the beginning of our high season, we normally have between 150–200 homes for sale. The Hamptons market is much more vast and spread out. Palm Beach has 2,200-plus single-family homes on the entire island. Of utmost importance to note is that we are still dealing with a lack of inventory which will continue to propel our market. Though not completely immune to some of the headwinds (equity market volatility, interest rate hikes, inflation) that both markets are contending with these days, we are still very much in a "lack of supply and a strong demand" world where pricing is holding steady.

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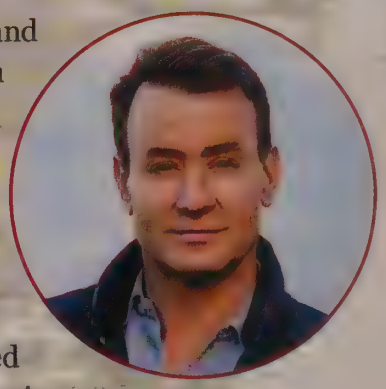

The end of the summer was slow and everyone who lives in Palm Beach was out of town, including agents. It was a ghost town for the most part. In the past 48 hours since November 1, everyone seems to be back and things are bustling again. Calls for new listings and showing requests have increased dramatically and offers are coming in. It's as though the light switch turned on when November 1 hit. We have very little inventory and many buyers. Palm Beach is one of the hottest in-demand markets regardless of what is going on elsewhere, so I think we are in for another banner season of record-breaking sales.

Lori Schiaffino
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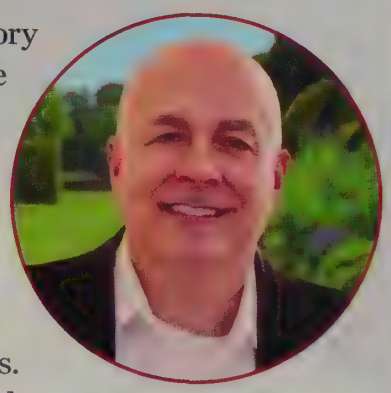
The Palm Beach and Hamptons markets typically do not follow national trends. The Hamptons will always be a desired destination outside of Manhattan, and New York City's lure will never disappear. Palm Beach and South Florida are moving toward becoming the epicenters of finance in America with their tax-friendly and pro-business environments making them desired destinations for many. This includes the finance sector and all the industries supporting finance. In both Palm Beach and the Hamptons, inventory was depleted during the pandemic, and product in both locations has not yet caught up to demand. There remains a disconnect between buyers and sellers related to pricing. Given rising interest rates, geo-political uncertainty and that the pandemic frenzy has waned, many cash buyers are in a "wait and see" mode expecting prices to adjust. It will be up to each seller to decide if they want to close this gap and adapt accordingly.

Michael Petersohn
BROWN HARRIS STEVENS



The Hamptons inventory conundrum: It has become increasingly apparent that we live and work in a bubble on the East End of Long Island. While the Fed has conspired against the real estate industry in general, we remain in our cocoon, it seems. There are simply more buyers than sellers. Sure, there are plenty of "vultures, bottom feeders and tire kickers," but for the most part rates went up, prices came off 10–15% and it's (almost) back to the frenzied pace of 2021. Almost. That said, the mix of homes that are selling in the Hamptons continues to get pricier. Let's face it, we are in a luxury market one hundred miles from the financial center of the universe. Our beaches and towns are beautiful, and we are simply running out of room. For the first time, sales of properties over $5 million made up almost 13% of sales last quarter and the median price was approximately $1.6 million. Inventory remains close to a 12-year low. We all know that the pace of sales has ebbed a touch, but I remind my clients that we still average just 70 days before finding buyers. That's an enviable stat compared to most of the nation.

Jennifer Friedberg
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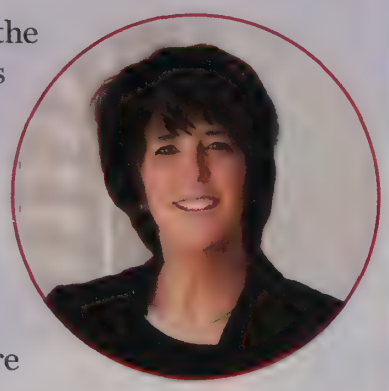
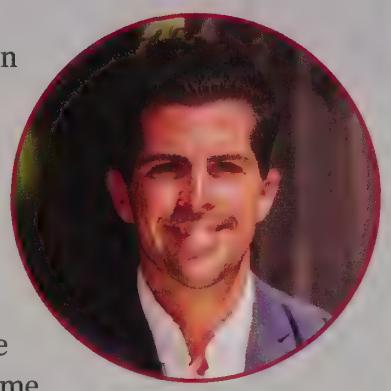


The real estate market from the Hamptons to Palm Beach has shifted from the pandemic-inspired years of 2020 and 2021. However, the allure of the East End and Southern Florida is still present, and people will continue to buy. Homes in the Hamptons are beautiful, and buyers purchase a lifestyle with easy access to New York City and stunning beaches, often cited as the top in the country. Plus, unmatched dining, shopping and art opportunities. In Palm Beach, properties are large and highly coveted. The barrier island only has a couple of thousand homes, adding an exclusive desirability factor. But we are undeniably seeing strong financial headwinds now with less inventory in both markets and buyers spending more time looking, waiting for prices to come down, and hoping for bargains. Last year we had bidding wars. Now, we see transactions at or below ask. Overall, interest rates will likely stay high for some time, and it is fair to presume that overpriced sellers will need to become more open to negotiations if they are serious. Fairly priced turnkey properties will still go quickly.

Adam Hofer
DOUGLAS ELLIMAN



Things have definitely changed in the real estate market as a whole, but both the Hamptons and Palm Beach markets remain strong for a number of different reasons. As people have become more mobile and have gotten to experience how wonderful it is to live in these areas, the once secondary home has become the primary focus, which continues to drive these two unique and coveted areas. On top of that, these areas have changed dramatically to accommodate year-round living and make it a reality. Lastly, we have seen a huge migration of the financial services industry to West Palm and Miami, making living and working there even more viable. So far, interest rates have not really affected my clients and the decision-making process. Well-positioned and savvy buyers understand that real estate is still the best hedge, and acquiring property in the right place at the right price takes precedence over the interest rate, which is ultimately something that *can* be changed or accounted for. With that said, I am excited to have recently purchased a place of our own in the Palm Beach community and to be expanding our team there as well.

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Southampton | $2,295,000 | 4 BR, 3.5 BA | 3 Floors, approx. 3,500sf | **Web# H368884**

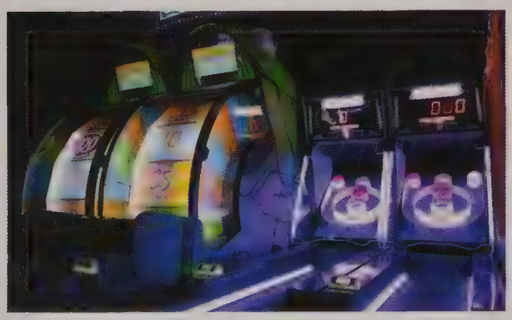
Southampton Village | $1,950,000 | 3 BR, 2 BA | Room for pool | **Web# H367845**

When it Rains, it Pours

An ACE in East Hampton

story by ***Patrick Shannon***

It's a rainy summer Saturday on the East Coast. Our world was made for fun in the sun – beach, tennis, family, and friends doing things together outside, right? So now, what do you do? It certainly depends on where you are. Jersey shore? No brainer. Head to the boardwalk, it's raining, but who cares? Dart in and out of drenched, overcrowded, aged, arcades; eat cannolis, ice cream and hoagies for brunch, lunch or whatever; and then on into town for a late afternoon matinee movie. Hmm? Dad and the boys don't want the Disney movie; so, we drive mom and Emma to the next town, 20 minutes there and back, to their feature show of choice. All in all, it sounds like the best you could make of the day and hang on to hopes for a sunny Sunday.



Ticket Games

Bowling, Beverages & Food

Air Hockey and much more

Same rainy day, but now you're in East Hampton, Long Island, and happening upon a unique destination featuring year-round activities for families and adults that will stop you in your tracks. Welcome to The Club|House at East Hampton Indoor Tennis. Here you don't have to worry about the weather or time of year.

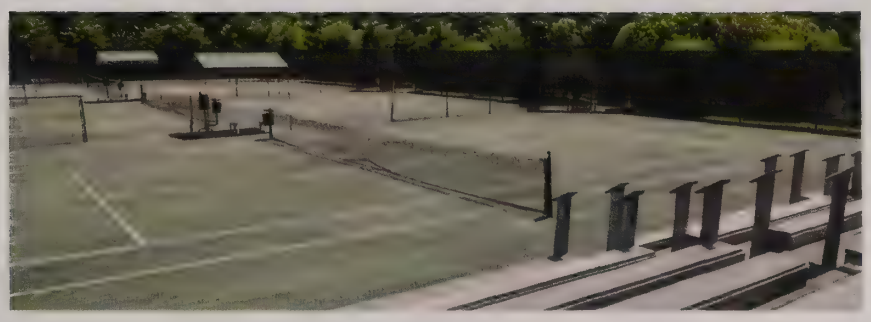
Proudly, Scott Rubenstein, the owner of East Hampton Indoor Tennis, begins to tell the EHIT story, "Yes, it was raining the day we broke ground 27 years ago in 1995, and rightfully so, because one of the motivations to start the business in the first place was to be able to play our game, tennis, when it was raining or during the winter months."

From six courts under an air-conditioned / heated bubble to 24 acres today — featuring a multi-sport, entertainment, and hospitality complex – creating and developing EHIT and The Club|House–Hamptons was a family affair. Scott, his wife Holly, sons Brian and Matt and daughter Rebecca, and niece and nephew Kelsi and Tom Thorsan all had jobs and responsibilities from the get-go, and all still carry on in operations, finance, branding, and staging events. Plus, all the while from the beginning, there was support for EHIT's mission and critical financial backing provided by Scott, his business partners Jerry Cohen, Dick Tarlow, Barry Emanuel and John Geelan, as well as a bit of help from BankUnited.

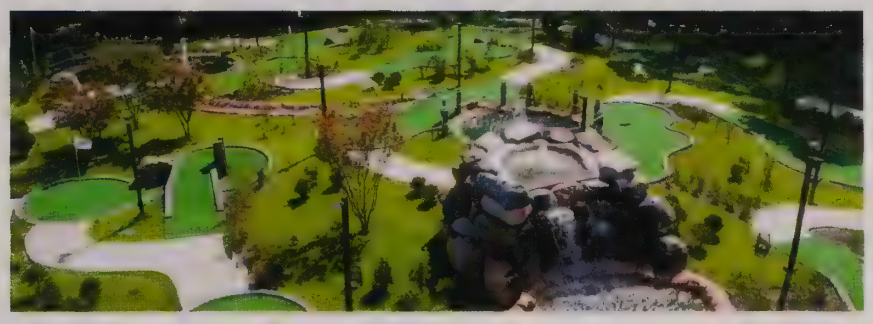
“Here, there is something for everyone.

“We have 20 outdoor and six indoor tennis courts, platform tennis, pickleball, and an 18-hole mini golf course. In more than 62,000 square feet of indoor space (that’s 13 NBA basketball courts, or more than an NFL football field) we have 10 bowling lanes, an arcade with 40+ games, The Clubhouse Restaurant / Bar and a stage that has hosted the likes of Bon Jovi, Sublime, and John Summit, among others.”

“The Club|House and East Hampton Indoor Tennis is a one-stop shop for families and adults,” said Scott. “Visit us once and you’ll figure it out. We’ll always be committed to delivering quality and wholesome entertainment to our community year-round. And I’m good if rain drops keep falling on my head.”



20 Outdoor and Six indoor courts, plus Platform tennis and Pickle Ball



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Left to Right; Scott Rubenstein, owner of The Club|House at East Hampton Indoor Tennis with Steve Parnes, Whitmore’s Executive Vice President for Risk Management and Scott with Jim Metzger, Chairman and CEO of the Whitmore Agency.

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Q&A with

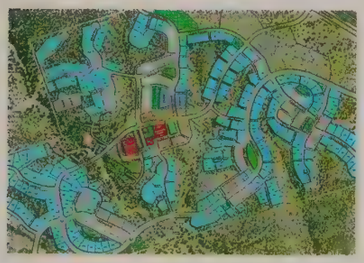
Darlene Streit

Broker Associate, Corcoran Group

Whether designing and developing a New Urbanist village with over 479 lots on 345 acres, or a simpler two parcel subdivision, challenges invariably come up. Darlene Streit's wealth of experience has helped developers, builders, home buyers and sellers reach success.

It sounds like you've worked on a very broad range of projects. Tell us a bit about your residential lot development experience – what kind of developments were they?

I've been involved in many residential lot developments. One of the largest I spearheaded was Aldea de Santa Fe, which was a New Urbanist village designed by Andres Duany, the "grandfather" of New Urbanism. It's a pedestrian friendly environment with 205 acres of open space, including a network of trails that links the entire community together. Aldea is composed of 479 residential lots, plus commercial and institutional lots on 345 acres, with a main plaza for the community. I guided the overall design of the development and the layout of the lots, coordinated builder programs for lot purchases, and oversaw onsite sales to ensure the builders met their goals. The project was a huge success – it's a thriving community. Strategically dealing with all the aspects and details of a project like that, from the macrocosm to microcosm, was a satisfying way to utilize all of my real estate and problem-solving skills.



Do you also work with smaller residential projects?

Absolutely. At the moment I'm working on a new, 3,600 square foot single family home in Wellington. It's on the best remaining golf course lot in the Palm Beach Polo and Country Club. I'm collaborating with the builder and architect on the design and the marketing of this new construction property that's being listed for $3,995,000.

What's the process like collaborating with developers, builders and architects on development projects?

As you can imagine, there are an infinite number of details that make a development, its builders and its sales successful. I bring a real estate sales background and perspective to each project and work with the builders and architects on everything from the layout of the lots to the design of the homes. Together we come up with solutions to meet the needs of both the home buyer and the market. With over $1.8 billion of career sales, and decades of experience handling thousands of transactions, my real estate perspective has been an invaluable asset.

Your professional experience seems to go far beyond the scope of your title as a Broker.

Yes, as a business owner myself, and having built a 105-agent brokerage which I later sold to Sotheby's International Realty, I've gained an in-depth understanding of the real estate market. With that background I've been able to help developers, investors and builders prosper. It's a part of the business that I'm passionate about because it calls for creativity, vision, and yet down-to-earth knowledge of what will sell. I believe that experience, plus the dedicated, personal service I give to my buyers and sellers, is why I was able to do $404 million in sales volume last year and be ranked as the #26 agent in the country.

What prompted you to chose Wellington as your home?

My family moved to Wellington in 1986 because my mom, Marlene Streit, is an avid golfer. She pursued her competitive career and was eventually inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame. I've lived in different areas of the United States and many places abroad, but my heart and my home has always been in Wellington. The amazing quality of life here, plus the excitement and energy that the Equestrian and Polo events bring each year, gives Wellington a well-rounded lifestyle that so many people are longing for right now. I truly love it here!

Darlene Streit is ranked the #26 Individual Agent in the country for 2022 by Real Trends, in partnership with the Wall Street Journal. Darlene was recognized as Sotheby's International Realty's #1 Individual Agent in the United States, before joining The Corcoran Group Palm Beach this year. She can be reached at 561.531.2727 or on DarleneStreit.com.

All My Favorite Places

As told to ***Taylor K. Vecsey***

Oprah has her favorite things, but what about favorite places to shop? With the holidays around the corner, everyone is looking for ideas about where to get the perfect gift for the people in their life. Since *Behind The Hedges* is splitting its time between Long Island and Palm Beach this winter, we wonder, what are some of the best shops in either location to find a good gift? Agents not only become experts on the real estate in their neighborhoods, they also come to know many of the local businesses and do their best to support them. We will follow their leads to the best shops for holiday gifts in the hope that you will find some inspiration, too.

Marders' garden shop decorated for the holidays
Phil Lelans

Ann Ciardullo and Keith Green

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We're back and forth between the Hamptons and Palm Beach throughout the holiday season. So we often do our Christmas and Chanukah shopping taking advantage of the best of both worlds. In Palm Beach, it seems logical that we would find our favorite things at **Hive**, the most wonderful home store ever conceived. Proprietor Sara McCann has an unerring eye. In fact, we think she may be the best in the business anywhere. Visiting her store is thrilling — literally thrilling. Dishes and tableware choices abound. Jewelry, clothing, pillows, garden ornaments and perhaps the sweetest children's toy selection ever assembled. Simply the best holiday shopping in the Palm Beaches. It's totally illogical that our favorite place for holiday shopping in the Hamptons is **Marders Nursery** in Bridgehampton, but Charlie Marder and his team have always had a keen eye for the exceptional, and they use it to fill their gift boutique with the extraordinary. The most beautiful coffee table books anywhere on the East End. Beautiful table ornaments, handcrafted toys and puppets, and more. Their selection of ornaments is delightful. And of course, every single accessory they could find for your loved ones that are garden enthusiasts. A trip to Marders however is dangerous, because you're going to find way too many gifts — for yourself!

Shop jewelry, home décor and more at Hive
Courtesy of Hive

Enzo Morabito

DOUGLAS ELLIMAN

To be honest, I am not much of a shopper, but my wife and Douglas Elliman agent, Cathy, has led me to some of her favorite local places which are a pleasure to shop and support. When looking for the perfect gift for almost any occasion, **Hampton + Dunes** in Westhampton Beach offers neutral, elegant home furnishings. It's a perfect shop for that person who loves a new, light and fresh aesthetic. **Roses and Rice** in East Quogue is a florist, but the shop is filled to the brim with warm, cheerful holiday decorations and quaint gift ideas. The shop is literally filled with charm. It's impossible not to leave with something, and always a fabulous find.

The Breakers Palm Beach lit up for the holidays
Courtesy of The Breakers Palm Beach

Ashley J. Farrell

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How could you possibly pick one favorite shop in a place like Palm Beach?! If I had to, I would say **Stubbs and Wootton**. The brand is well-known for their impeccably crafted and statement-making loafers. The best part of this store is that there's something for everyone, so checking off your gift list is easy! There are seemingly infinite options and I particularly enjoy the ability to customize. If my husband is reading this, hint, hint! If you find yourself in Delray this holiday season, a lesser-known gem is **Snappy Turtle**. I receive compliments every time I wear one of their dresses. The store can only be described as eclectic but it's definitely worthwhile. Spend the time to sort through the overwhelming number of options. It's always my first stop when I'm in town!

Elizabeth DeWoody

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Palm Beach is home to some of the most unique shops and boutiques in the country, making it a perfect place to shop for holiday gifting. My clients love the beach, so one of my all-time favorite places to shop for gifts is at **P.B. Boys Club & P.B. Girls Club**. They have the most chic beach gear! **Main Street by The Breakers** is the perfect place to find gifts for the home and **Haven Palm Beach** is another favorite, with an amazing collection of art pieces and jewelry from local artists.

Don't forget about your four-legged friends.
Courtesy of Woof Gang Bakery

Jennifer Ponzini

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I live in both Palm Beach Gardens and Sag Harbor. I am a licensed real estate broker in both Florida and New York. Some of the best local shops in the Palm Beach Gardens area include **Lola Chiq Boutique**, **Pineapple Kidz** and **Palm Harbor Boutique**. When shopping for my three dogs, they wag their tails for **Woof Gang Bakery** in Jupiter. When in Sag Harbor, my favorite spots for holiday gifts include **Sylvester & Co. Modern General**, **Satori** and **Flashbacks**.

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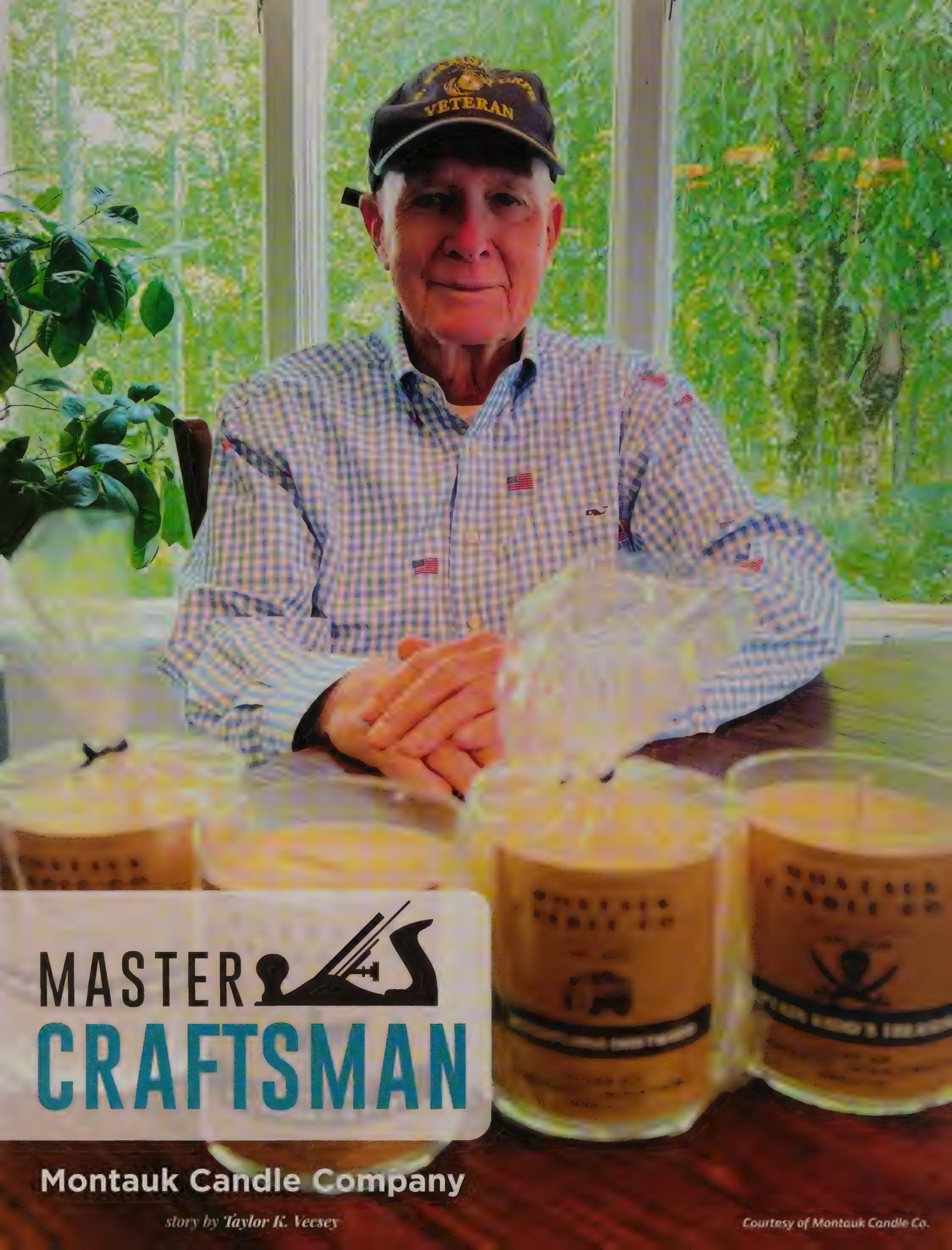

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Montauk Candle Company

story by Taylor K. Veesey

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Summer may be over, but one whiff of the right smell and you can be transported right back to a warm beach. A certain aroma can be reminiscent of a fond memory. Whether it's the salty air or the scent of a fire pit, certain smells evoke a familiar Hamptons feeling even if you've taken off to Palm Beach for the winter.

Montauk Candle Company, a family-owned business born out of Montauk, is accomplishing just that. They carefully craft aromatic batches and hand-pour each natural soy candle selling them not only on the East End of Long Island but to customers all over the country.

Smells just like Christmas when the wicks are lit.
Taylor K. Vecsey

A summery scent that was included in a Hampton Box Club subscription.
Tessa Kohr

"We knew that people wanted to take a slice of Montauk home," says Michael Kirkwood of Montauk Candle Co., which was founded in 2014, and this is one way, he adds, to do that inexpensively.

About 15 years ago, Kirkwood and his wife, Kathleen, started getting interested in candles. They found candles online to raise money for their children's high school sports team. "The problem was that they were charging me retail prices for the candles and they weren't the greatest quality, but there was nothing I could do about it. So we sold the candles, we made the money on that, but then I started thinking, 'Hey, this went over so well, let's try it again.' We did it another time and then we said, 'OK, how can we turn this into something that we can do together?'"

They started by doing their research online, by not only reading up on the subject but also watching YouTube videos. "We bought our first set of wax, our first set of wicks, our first set of containers, and we just started experimenting with a basic wax melter," he recalls.

Kirkwood, who runs an advertising agency, knew that if they wanted to have their own label, the key to success was to associate it with a destination — a recognizable place.

The family has had a home in Montauk since 1980. His father, Eugene, has been going out to Montauk since he was a child in the 1940s and began renting 30 years later, "when Montauk was Montauk before it was 'discovered,'" his son says.

They decided to name each candle after famed and family-favorite landmarks.

There's Lake Montauk Lavender; Ditch Plains Driftwood with cedar, pine and sandalwood; Gin Beach Ginger Lily with top notes of ginger and saffron, middle notes of cardamom and ginger flower, and a base of sandalwood and musk. Fort Pond Bay Breeze features bergamot, bamboo and violet; Montauk Point Sea Pepper with a note profile of grapefruit, orange, sage, lavender, tonka bean, amber and oakmoss.

While they have taken creative license with some names and their corresponding smells, many are true to form. The notes of clove and saffron, mixed with sandalwood, incense and clove, and a base of smoke, patchouli and amber work perfectly for the Beach Bonfire candle. "The only way to end a summer night is with a beach bonfire on Ditch Plains Beach," the description reads. "This scent brings you to those warm summer nights surrounded by good people, good vibes and good times."

They have also expanded the names to other areas of the Hamptons, such as Sag Harbor.

Seasonal candles have followed. Christmas Hearth is perfect for the upcoming season, offering "a classic holiday fragrance that tells the story of a cozy holiday night spent sipping wine in front of the fireplace." It combines "orange spice notes from the kitchen, fir and pine notes from the Christmas tree, and an earthy smokiness from the fireplace."

Michael Kirkwood is in charge of production, while his wife serves as the president of the company, and his father, Eugene, a veteran who spent more than 50 years in the financial industry, is the head of sales but is considered the "master craftsman" of the family, since he makes the candles with Michael.

He certainly never thought he would be selling candles, many times shop to shop — especially at his age, though it has come naturally.

"I went in financial business, from 1967 on, until about a year ago, but when I went to college — I went to St. John's University in Jamaica, New York, and I met a guy who was a Bible salesman and he sold Bibles door to door, and he said, 'Gene, would you wanna sell?'" he recalls. As a Bible salesman for three and a half years, he would knock on doors

The beginning of the hand-poured candles.
Courtesy of Montauk Candle Co.

Two sizes available; 10-ounces and 22-ounces
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Montauk Candle Company is a family affair. Eugene Kirkwood and his wife, Patricia, are seen here with their grandchildren.
Courtesy of Montauk Candle Co.

and go to churches and sell them following Mass on Sundays. "I got a very good feel about working with the public and working with people doing that," he says. "So it was natural for me to walk in the store with a candle.

"I just started knocking on doors," Eugene adds. It didn't matter the store — florists, general stores, tchotchke stores and even bake shops.

"I always wear my Marine Corps hat — I spent time in the United States Marine Corps going back in the '60s. So, I felt maybe it's made in the USA, it's all USA and I sell USA. That's how it started and it just continues. I love to do it. I love people and I love to walk into the store and just mention the candles."

Father and son hand-pour the candles — they come in 10-ounce and 22-ounce sizes — in small batches, just about "wherever we have to make them," Michael says with a laugh. The business has grown big enough that they have a warehouse in Warren, New Jersey, but they don't require a lot of space for production.

"All we need is a hundred square feet to make the candles. I just have a small portion of that warehouse and all you need is a couple of electric outlets and some wax melters and then we have all the materials delivered to us when we need them," Michael says.

"Just imagine a big, big chowder pot that has a spigot on it, but it's electric-based," he adds. "You pour in the soy wax flakes and you set the temperature at whatever you need to set it at, based on the type of wax it is, and you just let it turn to a liquid."

Once a liquid has formed, they test the wax temperature with a thermometer. "You have to be careful with wax, wax can burn and then it affects the candle so you have to keep it at a certain temperature," Michael notes.

First, they pour the scent oil mix into the container and then the liquid wax on top of it, before agitating it for a good two minutes "so it flows through" and the scents blend with the wax.

Using a stainless steel pitcher, they pour the wax into the glass containers. It takes about four hours for the candle to cure. Generally, they don't get put on the shelves for 48 hours.

Like his father, Michael had never envisioned getting into the candle business. "I did not expect to go into this, but it's been a pleasant surprise," he says.

"I can say that it's a very relaxing process and it's a creative process," he adds. "Most people don't think of it, but you have to take the time to do it right and to do it well."

As for the relaxation part, he says it's easy "to lose your thoughts for a little while, if you know what I mean. It takes you away from life a little bit for a while, and then before you know it, you've made 40 candles."

Their line also stands out on the market due to its ingredients. "We wanted to do something that was a little bit more sustainable than everybody else," Michael says.

"Most people don't know that most candle wax that is used today is petroleum-based," he explains. "What that means is that when it burns, you see that black soot rising, and that is a byproduct of petroleum."

They also use recycled glasses. On each is a label, most with drawings that correspond with the unique name, such as two surfboards leaning against an iconic VW van for Ditch Plains Driftwood. Kathleen and Lulu Palmer, a close family friend who works for the company, are the creative forces, and they come up with the designs for new candles. Michael works with art directors who create the final image.

The fragrances are purchased from a supplier by requesting certain levels of different ingredients — obviously they don't want to give up their percentages.

"We started with really three fragrances," Michael says, "and now we're up to, at any given time and during production, we're up to 25 different fragrances, depending on what customers want."

The business began just in the retail environment. The Montauk Bake Shop was the first to take in the candles, followed by Strawberry Fields Flowers & Gifts and others. The stores in East Hampton and Amagansett followed. Amber Waves Farm is one of their biggest clients.

"When I was contemplating pricing with my dad about this and with my wife, Kathleen, and we were talking about it, we wanted to make it affordable for the wholesale retailers to buy it from us so they could make money," Michael says. "We have a very, very affordable candle. I think Amber Waves is selling them for like $10 now. You can't go into a T.J.Maxx and buy a candle under $15."

The online business followed when they simply included their website, montaukcandleco.com, on the safety sticker at the bottom of the candles.

"The online business started to take off because people were buying them, leaving at the end of the season, but still wanting to get them," Michael says. "So that's a whole different part of the business that has grown from Montauk."

"In one summer, we went from 300 total candles, which we thought was fantastic, which was obviously a family hobby that turned into, I think, we're going to do close to 5,000 or 6,000 candles this year," Michael says.

Montauk Candle Co. is sold throughout the country. "I just got an online order from somebody in Idaho," Michael says. "I have no idea if they came out to Montauk and they loved it and they ordered it, or they just Googled it."

Their private label business has also grown. People can order them in bulk for weddings and the like with the customers designing the labels.

"We're constantly tinkering with fragrances," says Michael. "We're always looking at the latest and greatest in sustainable wax — we just think that's important."

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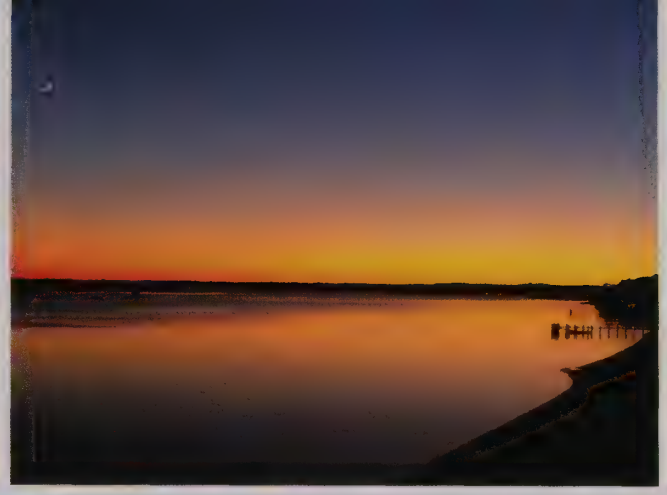

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Palm Beach Penthouse Looks for Pinnacle Price Point

story by ***Taylor K. Vecsey***

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"No other apartment has views like this," says Dana Koch of the Corcoran Group of his listing at 110 Sunset Avenue.

Penthouses are prime, but let's face it, not all penthouses are created equal.

"This is the epitome of Palm Beach. This is the gold standard," says real estate broker Dana Koch of the Corcoran Group of the condo at 110 Sunset Avenue, which he co-listed with his mother, Paulette Koch.

The condo, located on the top floor, boasts "unparalleled ocean views" and aims to command a record price. At $26.5 million, it is the most expensive apartment for sale in Palm Beach.

"These kinds of apartments come up so infrequently," Koch says. "Number one, it's directly on the ocean. Number two, size-wise, it's a large apartment" with over 5,076 square feet of living space — 6,376 square feet in total, including the terraces. Overall, it's significantly larger than most apartments in Palm Beach.

Wood paneling in the foyer and plenty of wall space for art work are just two stand-out features in this penthouse at Leverett House.

Unit 4B is located in the east building of the boutique condominium, the Leverett House, one of only three direct oceanfront condo buildings in the center of town in Palm Beach. There's no street to cross here, just simply go put your "toes in the sand," as Koch says, or walk out the door and you are just steps away from restaurants and shopping.

The four-bedroom, five-and-a-half-bath condo exudes a contemporary style, credited to Maya Lin, the acclaimed designer and sculptor. She is known for her large-scale environmental artworks, architectural projects and memorial designs, including the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and the Civil Rights Memorial in Montgomery, Alabama.

Lin, who is based in New York City, designed the condo for her in-laws, the late Erving G. Wolf, an oil-and-gas industry entrepreneur and his wife, Joyce "Joy" Wolf, who bought the condo, records show, in 2000 for $6 million — proving just how much property values have skyrocketed.

The apartment went on the market in

Floor-to-ceiling windows capitalize on the ocean views.

September, shortly after Joy Wolf died at the age of 95.

The thoughtful and "timeless" renovation undertaken by the Wolfs and Lin included knocking down walls to create an open main living area and capitalize on the stunning water views with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that lead out to the terrace, Koch says.

Plus, "Every bedroom has a view of the ocean," he continues. "No other apartment in town has views like this."

Features include brown elm millwork and wood paneling, pietra Cardosa stone slabs in the entryway, master bathrooms and powder room, walnut floors and wallpaper that is a form of grasscloth.

Another standout feature is that there are "tons of wall space for artwork," making it perfect for an art collector, Koch says. Throughout the apartment, there are "wonderful ceiling heights," he adds. "If you know Palm Beach, you know there are lots of apartments that have eight-foot ceilings. Nine-foot ceilings are a big deal."

Plus, the building offers privacy. It is just one of six units in the east building (the west building has 15 units in total). The three condos that face south share an elevator that opens to a private vestibule. There are two pools in the complex, and this condo also comes with its own 150-foot air-conditioned cabana, one of just six.

Amenities include a full-time doorman, a gym and a full-time manager. There is garage parking on the first level and the penthouse comes with two parking spaces.

The Palm Beach Daily News reported that the most expensive sale in the east building of the Leverett House occurred in April, when unit E3A sold for $10.625 million.

Last season, *Behind The Hedges* reported that the Koch team listed the most expensive condo at the time at $21.75 million. The penthouse at 2 N. Breakers Row, now listed at $18.5 million, is a three-bedroom unit with 4,095 square feet on the fifth-floor.

The record sale for a condo was set at $18.6 million when 219 Brazilian Avenue, one of four attached townhomes that is documented as a condominium, sold earlier this year, according to Koch.

The unit comes with an air-conditioned cabana, one of just six in the complex.

Palm Beach's Uber-Luxury Market Sales

story by Taylor K. Vecsey

While inventory continues to be low in the Palm Beach area, the high-end luxury market remains red hot.

A house that exudes Palm Beach style sold for $24 million in early November.

The property at 124 Brazilian Avenue is within close proximity to the famous Worth Avenue with its restaurants and shops, as well as the beach. Gary Pohrer of Douglas Elliman represented the sellers, who listed it for $25 million on August 1, 2022.

Originally built in 1925, the Mediterranean-style abode offers 6,700 square feet of living space and six bedrooms. Timeless architectural details can be found throughout, such as cypress coffered ceilings, arched windows and wrought iron gates and railings. Expansive doors open to the pool area.

The Palm Beach Daily News reported that the villa was designed by society architect Marion Sims Wyeth and that Palm Beach-based architect Jacqueline Albarran oversaw a restoration, addition and renovation project for the sellers in 2005.

Patricia Mahaney, with Sotheby's International Realty, represented the buyers.

The new owners will have room for guests, as there is a guest house that offers two bedrooms and two bathrooms, a living area and a bar.

The property also features low-maintenance turf in the courtyard, as well an outdoor shower, fountains and a spa.

Just up the coast from Palm Beach, in Hobe Sound in Martin County, a traditional coastal estate sold for full ask at $29 million on October 13, 2022, after about a month on the market. And, it's no wonder why, as the 1.8 acres at 127 S. Beach Road include 225 feet of ocean frontage.

Susan Turner and Joanne Wagner of the Corcoran Group represented both sides of this Jupiter Island transaction.

The three-bedroom main home, two-bedroom guesthouse and one-bedroom cabana underwent a major renovation in 2021. Renowned landscape architect Elizabeth Newland did a major overhaul of the landscaping throughout the property, including around the oceanside, saltwater pool.

In Palm Beach's Estate Section, a landmarked 1928 compound by Marion Sims Wyeth, who designed mansions in Palm Beach during its Gilded Age, sold for $23,285,572 in August. Suzanne Frisbie of the Corcoran Group represented both sides of the deal.

Located near Worth Avenue and just two houses away from the ocean, 125 Via Del Lago offers nearly 12,641 square feet of living space between the main house and guest lodgings. It sits high on a large lot — 36,000 square feet to be exact — with grounds that are lushly landscaped and designed for entertaining and privacy. The property includes deeded beach access.

The main house is "a lovely representation of quintessential Marion Sims Wyeth elements," the description reads. There are 25-foot ceilings in the living room with stenciled Pecky Cypress beams and a coquina-clad fireplace.

It was listed for $25.75 million in April.

The estate at 124 Brazilian Avenue has plenty of charm and Palm Beach style.
Giles Bradford

124 Brazilian Avenue, Palm Beach
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 7-10 P.M.

Don't miss the slide guitar playing of Kerry Kearny along with the dreamy violin sounds of Heather Hardy. Meanwhile, sip on your favorite ales, IPAs, cocktails and four-packs at übergeek.

400 Hallett Road, Riverhead. 631-381-0848, ubergeekbrewing.com

THE MACHINE AT THE SUFFOLK

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AND 19, 8 P.M.

Get ready for two nights of Pink Floyd's best songs performed by renowned New York quartet The Machine. On Friday, they'll play the entire album *The Wall* plus a few deep cuts. On Saturday, they'll perform the Animals album and Floyd's greatest hits. Tickets are $49–$59. Doors open at 7 p.m.

118 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4343, suffolktheater.com

PARIS RAY AT JASON'S VINEYARD

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1:30 P.M.

Enjoy the dreamy sounds of Paris Ray, a native Long Islander who began her career as a child actress appearing on shows like *Guiding Light*, *Late Night With Conan O'Brien* and *iCarly*. She started performing on the guitar as a teenager and has never looked back. Ray is a two-time Top Ten Finalist of the Grammy's Gig of a Lifetime.

1785 Main Road, Jamesport. 631-238-5801, jasonsvineyard.com

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

CHAMPAGNE TOUR

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AND 20, NOON-4 P.M.

Don't miss your chance to explore the secrets of bubbly at Pindar Vineyards, where you will tour the vineyard, fermentation room and barrel cellar. You'll also learn about the stages of making Champagne, including corking, disgorging and wire netting the bottles. In addition, there is a tasting of five delightful Pindar bubbly libations. Be sure to book your tour ahead of time.

37645 Main Road, Peconic. 631-734-6200, pindar.net

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Enjoy a deep dive into the wine-making process that includes a full tour of the vineyard, wine-making facilities and barrel cellar. There will be a light lunch and the opportunity to blend your own wine and take home a bottle.

15975 County Road 48, Cutchogue. 631-734-8282, sanninovineyard.com

ENRICHING PROGRAMS

STRUCTURES OF SOUND

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Music lovers can bop on over to the Riverhead Free Library, where Ben will be leading discussions about the greatest albums of all time, including Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

330 Court Street, Riverhead. 631-727-3228, riverhead.librarycalendar.com

BEGINNER COUNTRY LINE DANCING IN THE BARN

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 7-8:30 P.M.

Learn to do-si-do in style at Spirit's Promise Equine Rescue, where you'll learn basic steps and popular beginner dances. All proceeds will go to benefit horse rescue efforts.

2746 Sound Avenue, Riverhead. 631-875-0433, spiritspromise.com

THANKSGIVING CHARCUTERIE PLATE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1 P.M.

If you can't get enough charcuterie, learn how to create your own plate at the Shelter Island Library. You'll make a delicious take-home spread that includes meats, cheeses, nuts and crackers. The fee is $25 and can be paid in advance.

37 North Ferry Road, Shelter Island. 631-749-0042, shelterislandpubliclibrary.org

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 11 A.M.-2 P.M.

Head on over to the Church of the Harvest in Riverhead for a free Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings for those alone or in need. Delivery meals will also be available for those who cannot leave their homes.

572 Raynor Avenue, Riverhead. 631-727-1977, churchoth.com

ART EXHIBITIONS

TEN SQUARED: A SEASON FOR ART ONLINE EXHIBIT AND SALE

ON VIEW THROUGH DECEMBER 15

Take in the works of local artists celebrating late autumn. All art is available to purchase for $100, half of which will go to benefit the Southold Historical Museum.

54325 Main Road, Southold. 631-765-5500,southoldhistorical.org

50 REASONS WHY: YOUR TAKE ON THE EAST END

ON VIEW THROUGH DECEMBER 17

Don't miss this intriguing open juried exhibition that allows artists to depict their feelings about the East End. Fifty-seven of the nearly 200 submitted works were selected due to their originality of vision and striking color.

133 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-2171, eastendarts.org

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GET READY FOR A NORTH FORK COUNTRY BARN DANCE.

OUT & ABOUT WITH THE KIDS

WHAT TO DO. WHERE TO GO. WHERE TO PLAY.

CURATED BY REBEKAH YAHOVES

TOP 5 KIDS EVENTS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK

FAMILY STORYTIME: WE ARE THANKFUL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 11 A.M.-NOON

Grab your kiddos and head on over to the Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library for this festive storytime. Ms. Christine will lead stories about gratitude, help young ones make a thankful wreath and orchestrate a Thanksgiving guessing game.

27550 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-6360, cutchogue.librarycalendar.com/event/family-storytime-we-are-thankful

VIRTUAL REALITY TOUR OF THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 4:30 P.M.

Your little space explorer in grades 6–12 can head on over to the John Jermain Memorial Library, where they will be treated to a virtual tour of the International Space Station.

201 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0049, johnjermain.org

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TEENS CAN TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION THIS WEEK.

SOFO'S YOUNG BIRDERS CLUB

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 10-11 A.M.

Your little nature lover ages 8–18 can make new friends and learn about birds at the South Fork Natural History Museum's Young Birders Club. Bring binoculars and a field guide to birds in the Eastern United States if you have them.

377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-9735, sofo.org/calendar

OUR FABULOUS VARIETY SHOW DRAMA & PUPPETRY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 4:30-5:15 P.M.

Enjoy this workshop presented by Our Fabulous Variety Show along with Project Most. It brings performing arts to little ones ages 3–5, who will make their own puppet using household items and bring them to life.

44 Meadow Way, East Hampton. 631-507-4603, ourfabulousvarietyshow.org

FRIENDSGIVING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 3:30 P.M.

Your little one in grades 6 and over will gobble up this opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of friends, goodies and Nintendo Switch games.

2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. 631-537-0015, myhamptonlibrary.org

Find more events online at DansPapers.com/Events

FAMILY FUN ATTRACTIONS ON THE EAST END

THE ALL-STAR

Your kiddos won't want to miss Hyperbowling, a mix of electronics, lights and sensors at the All-Star. There are also plenty of burgers, salads and pizza pies when they are ready for a break.

96 Main Road, Riverhead. 631-998-4232, theallstargrill.com

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF THE EAST END

Learn about ships, windmills and creating your own farm at this favorite East End children's destination. Mini golf is free with admission!

376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-8250, cmee.org

HARBES BARNYARD ADVENTURE

The kiddie attractions at one of Long Island's most popular fall destinations will be open for business on weekends and some school holidays in November as long as weather permits. Autumn fun includes a sports zone, playground, trike track, farm animals and bee observatories.

715 Sound Avenue, Mattituck. 631-482-7641, harbesfamilyfarm.com/harbes-barnyard-adventure

HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW

Don't miss the first weekend of this East End holiday favorite. The Holiday Light Show in Riverhead features larger-than-life holiday-themed displays that you can view from the comfort of your car while listening to synced music. Purchase your tickets ahead of time online.

2549 Splish Splash Drive, Calverton. 631-210-6711, holidaylightshow.com

MAIN STREET SWEETS

If you're looking for something sweet to top off a day of East End fun, take your kiddos over to Main Street Sweets, where they'll enjoy a colorful array of candy options and goodies.

121 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-5753, mainstreetsweetswesthampton.com

MONTAUK LIGHTHOUSE

If you're busy exploring the East End with your little ones, why not check out the view from the Montauk Lighthouse? Enjoy the 360-degree perspectives of the Long Island Sound and the Atlantic Ocean and stop by the gift shop on the way home.

2000 Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-2544, montaukhistoricalsociety.org/montauk-point-lighthouse

SAM'S RESTAURANT

If your little adventurers are hungry after a busy day of exploring the East End, take them over to Sam's Restaurant, where parents and little eaters alike rave about the custom pizzas, kid's pasta dishes and meatballs.

36 Newton Lane, East Hampton. 631-324-5900, samseasthampton.com

SAFARI ADVENTURE

Your little bouncer can enjoy inflatables, video games, a calming spa and skill games all in a sensory-friendly setting. You can purchase tickets ahead of time for open play.

1075 Pulaski Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4386, thesafariadventure.com

SPORTIME AMAGANSETT

If your youngster likes to get moving, take them over to Sportime, where an indoor ice rink, inline skating, basketball court and indoor swimming pool are all part of the active fun.

385 Abrahams Park, East Hampton. 631-267-3460, sportimeny.com/amagansett-multi-sport

THE WHARF SHOP

Get everyone ready for holiday gifting at the Wharf Shop in Sag Harbor, where you'll find plenty of unique and educational toys and presents in a mom-and-pop atmosphere.

69A Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0420, wharfshop.com

FOOD & DRINK

Food Seen: Game Day Munchies, Fall Cocktails & More

BY HARRY POWERS

TownLine BBQ is offering Game Day Munchies for takeout throughout Thanksgiving weekend. Specials include a bag of 50 wings served with blue cheese, crispy smoked pork rib tips with Carolina white sauce, homemade chips with salt pepper garlic rub, TownLine nachos, mac and cheese bites and more. The sooner you order, the better.

Find traditional Thanksgiving dinner options on page 55.

North Fork Table & Inn launched its seasonal S'mores and Port offering for two, available on the patio from 5 p.m. to close every Wednesday through Sunday until the end of the year, contingent on weather. For $55, guests are served a s'mores kit featuring a tabletop fire pit, homemade graham crackers, marshmallows and Aleppo chocolate bark, along with a choice of port or Valrhona hot chocolate. The s'mores may be enjoyed as a stand-alone 45 minute experience or as an add-on to a dinner reservation.

A culinary trifecta will be assembling at **Almond Restaurant** on the first of December. The trio includes Maverick Montauk's Chef Jeremy Blutstein, Almond's Executive Chef Jason Weiner and Almond's Chef de Cuisine Andrew Mahoney. The menu — which includes oysters, duck prosciutto croque madame, squid, monkfish tonkatsu and venison merguez — highlights products from local suppliers. Name a better trio, we'll wait.

Carissa's Bakery is currently taking orders for holiday sides and desserts. Cranberry chutney, mushroom and creamy cauliflower soups, pork sausage, vegetable stuffing, smashed potatoes, roasted Brussels sprouts and market salad are available for sides. For dessert, the bakery is serving apple pie, apple cider cheesecake pie, pumpkin and squash pie, cranberry and mixed berry meringue pie, flourless chocolate cake and myriad sorbets and gelatos. Orders may be placed online via Toast for pickup at Carissa's Sag Harbor or Pantigo Road outposts.

Did You Know?

You can taste many delicious coffee brews and teas at **North Fork Roasting Co.** in Southold and Westhampton Beach. Favorites include the Bee Sting (espresso beverage with honey and steamed almond milk), cafe au lait, matcha latte and lavender lemonade. If you want to bring their delicious coffee home, we strongly recommend their bagged coffee blends, which can be shipped.

COURTESY LA FONDITA

LA FONDITA'S FIREPIT

COURTESY CARISSA'S BAKERY

CARISSA'S BAKERY APPLE CIDER CHEESECAKE

COURTESY SEL RROSE

SEL RROSE'S HEAVYWEIGHT DAIQUIRI

The original **Sel Rrose** isn't in Montauk, but on Manhattan's Lower East Side. Sel Rrose, located on Elmwood Avenue, has one of the best cocktail menus around; tasty bracers include the Heavyweight Daiquiri (utilizing both regular and overproof rum), the Pamplemousse Margarita and, for the brave, the Espresso 1942 featuring 1942 primavera tequila, Mr. Black Coffee liqueur and fresh pulled espresso. Sel Rrose also offers several natural wines, meaning nothing is added or taken away during the fermentation process. For bites, we recommend trying the Pernod Oysters Rockefeller, Thai coconut curry mussels and grilled swordfish with light cream sauce.

Bits & Bites:

We don't know about you, but we try to spend as much time outside as possible this time of year. The fire pit in the shared courtyard between **La Fondita** and **Coche Comedor** in Amagansett makes that endeavor quite toasty. Gather 'round the fire and sip margaritas with your amigos! One may also enjoy a quick cocktail in the warmth while waiting for a takeout order.

Fresno serves mouthwatering daily specials.

DAN'S TASTE: FOOD & DRINK

Fall menu highlights include pan roasted Montauk fluke with mushrooms and delicata squash risotto, duck flatbread caramelized onion, mozzarella & a balsamic glaze, and warm apple strudel with vanilla gelato and caramel sauce. One peek at their @fresno_restaurant Instagram page and you'll start salivating!

A little birdie told us that **Nick & Toni's** is bringing back their acclaimed wine dinner series. The first one, inspired by the Feast of the Seven Fishes, will convene on Thursday, December 8. Nautical treats include local blackfish crudo, lobster linguine fra diavolo and codfish. The selected wines are all from the Provence region and include the cinsault, clairette, cabernet sauvignon and muscat grape varieties.

Santa Claus is coming to town! Eat, drink and be merry with a traditional tree lighting and festive celebration at **Baron's Cove**! On Saturday, December 3, eggnog, frozen hot chocolate, candy cane martinis and warm gingerbread cookies may be enjoyed in the resort's beautiful lounge. At 6:30 p.m., children (and older believers) will have the opportunity to tell Jolly Old Saint Nick their Christmas gift wishes, while parents may snap a picture for the mantle. At 7:30 p.m. the flip will be switched and Baron's Cove's gorgeous indoor and outdoor Tannenbaum's will be illuminated!

Planning your holiday festivities? Whether you're throwing an intimate or large party, **The Bell & Anchor** is ready to host. Email info@bellandanchor.com or call 631-725-3400.

Food Quote:

"Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread and pumpkin pie." -Jim Davis, "Garfield" creator

Recipe: Yael Vengroff's Fall Holiday Old-Fashioned

Yoga is a great way to relieve stress. So is drinking mixologist Yael Vengeoff's Old Fashioned cocktail, using Origen Vodka, in yoga pants. Whatever floats your boat.

Ingredients for 2 drinks:

4 oz Origen Holistic Vodka
1 oz St. Elizabeth's Allspice Dram
1/2 oz maple syrup
2 dashes Scrappy's Orleans Bitters or other aromatic bitters

Directions:

Pour ingredients into cocktail shaker with ice and stir 50 times. Strain into rocks glasses with large ice cubes.

Garnish:

1 elegant skeleton leaf (as shown)
or
1 extra-large orange twist
1 brandied cherry
grated nutmeg (optional topping)

YAEL VENGROFF'S FALL HOLIDAY OLD-FASHIONED COCKTAIL

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Something to Wine About:
Wines to Pair with Thanksgiving Dinner

THANKSGIVING WHITES: UNÁNIME CHARDONNAY, BRIDGE LANE SAUVIGNON BLANC, PECONIC BAY VINEYARDS RIESLING

THANKSGIVING REDS: MCCALL BEN'S BLEND, PINDAR CABERNET PORT

BY LINDA DELMONICO PRUSSEN

As Thanksgiving fast approaches, many wine columnists will write about what wine pairs best with turkey. Often times, pinot noir will come up as the big winner. But keep in mind these factors: turkey is both white meat and dark meat, and it's usually not the only dish served on Thanksgiving. And, finally, there are white wine drinkers that prefer to stick with whites regardless of the menu. Here are three crowd-pleasing white wines that complement turkey and all its fixings, and two red wines to consider this Thanksgiving.

White Wines

The first wine is the 2020 Unánime Chardonnay. This Argentinian wine is a delightful chardonnay. If you are accustomed to heavy, over-oaked, buttery chardonnays that are common in California, this wine is an extremely pleasant surprise. Notes on the nose and palate include spiced-apple, ripe-mango, banana and nutmeg. It is medium-bodied with a lovely, lush mouth feel without being heavy. Not being heavy is important when the food is the star. It has wonderful, crisp acidity throughout. Interestingly, 50% of this wine is fermented in oak, and 50% is fermented in concrete eggs. Concrete eggs do not impart any flavors to the wine as oak does, but they are slightly porous letting in a very small amount of oxygen, and they soften the texture of the wine. This lovely wine retails for $25.

Next wine is the 2021 Bridge Lane Sauvignon Blanc. This is a very agreeable sauvignon blanc. It is citrusy and fruit forward without being aggressive and will complement, not compete, with your meal. It's smooth, a trait oftentimes missing in many sauvignon blancs, and has low minerality, plus a very pleasing finish. This wine retails for $16.

Finally, the 2020 Peconic Bay Vineyards Riesling. This is a higher end, off-dry and supremely balanced riesling. Often times when rieslings come to mind people think of sweet, one note, starter wines that white wine drinkers may have started out drinking, but grew away from as time went on. This appealing wine however might change that school of thought. Its flavors are fresh, and it is not at all cloying. The finish is crisp, clean, and evocative of a lemon drop. This wine retails for $30.

Red Wines

If you inquire in your local wine store about which reds would go best with your Thanksgiving dinner, you will likely be directed to pinot noirs or possibly Chiantis as they are both supremely food friendly wines. Many of those wines are light- to medium-bodied, and most have long, dry, often bright and fresh finishes that enhance foods by cutting through fat and heaviness. But pinot noirs and Chiantis are not your only options.

A Long Island wine that can easily rival any pinot noir or Chianti in the area of food friendliness is the 2014 Ben's Blend from McCall's Vineyard. Winemaker Gilles Martin crafts this Bordeaux style blend with cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc and petit verdot. The wine is aged for 18 months in French oak and this dry, flavorful blend is only produced during excellent vintages, that is years where the grapes are at their best. The flavors are an artful blend of fresh cherry, coffee, earth and very light notes of bittersweet chocolate. This wine complements, not competes, with food. It retails for $62 and drinks like an old-world wine worth every penny.

If you'd like to have some wine with your dessert, or wine instead of dessert, the 2015 Cabernet Port from Pindar is an excellent choice. Made from cabernet grapes that have been aged in small oak barrels for two years, this Port wine has flavors off toffee, chocolate and ripe cherry. The ripe cherry flavor actually keeps this sweet wine from being too sweet. Enjoy it with coffee, dessert, cheesecake and cannolis. This wine retails for $29.

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New Moon Cafe Owner Ronnie Campsey: A Hamptons Legend

BY MARC HOROWITZ

It's Friday night in late summer in the hamlet of East Quogue, and the New Moon Cafe is packed, just like it's been on a lot of late-summer nights stretched across a lot of years.

The guitar player picks out the first few notes of a Neil Young song that everybody knows. A bachelorette party rolls in. At the bar, three ladies who had their own bachelorette parties a long, long time ago smile in unison, then finish up the last of their tacos and order a fresh round of drinks. Next to them, a lobsterman relaxes with a pint and a burger. He smiles too, and nods to one of the girls in the bridal party. He went to high school with her dad.

Over in a secluded little corner facing the street, a couple in their early 20s is snuggling. They have a visitor at their table. He has long gray hair cascading out from under his cowboy hat like some kind of aging hippie biker. The couple, who look like they just came from an Abercrombie & Fitch photo shoot, are smiling. So is their visitor.

"Excuse me, folks, I hope you're enjoying yourselves," the hippie biker says. "I just want to let you know that you're sitting at the Love Table. There's something about this spot. Lots of young lovers get together here, and not so long ago, a couple who sat right at this table on their first date ended up getting married."

The couple has just had a close encounter with Ron "Ronnie" Campsey: decorated Vietnam War hero, beloved community philanthropist, local legend, and since 1979, the owner and proprietor of the New Moon Cafe, arguably the single most important gathering spot in East Quogue.

Cut to one week before Veterans Day on a stunning and unseasonably warm fall afternoon. Campsey is working on a scrapbook as the sun streams in through a window facing New Moon's courtyard. He's recounting a seminal moment in his life:

It's 1967 in Lộc Ninh, Vietnam. Campsey, then 25 years old, is on patrol with his unit: 1st Division, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry, Delta Company, known collectively as "The Big Red One."

"My unit had never been in face-to-face combat," he explains. "To us, it was like playing cowboys and Indians ... An RPG (rocket-propelled grenade) round hit the rubber tree I was standing behind and blew it to hell — and it took me with it ... My face and my arm were numb, my uniform was shredded ... The medic said, 'Campsey, I thought you were dead,' and he pulled me back. I asked him if my arm and leg were still attached. He had to tell me that they were."

Campsey suffered multiple injuries, including a fractured vertebrae and severe shrapnel wounds, but rather than sitting out the rest of the battle and getting the treatment he needed, he continued fighting on that day in Lộc Ninh. A short time later, he was involved in a ferocious firefight where he displayed a level of bravery and selflessness in combat that ultimately earned him a Silver Star for Gallantry, two Bronze Stars for Heroism and a Purple Heart.

While his experiences in Vietnam changed him in many ways, Campsey refused to let his trauma consume him. He worked to overcome his physical and psychological wounds. Part of the healing process involved codifying his thoughts on the Vietnam War — and the essence of war in general. When he marches in veterans parades or takes part in activities that call for placards or banners, Campsey carries a sign printed with his own words:

WHY I LOVE AMERICA
I march for those who are with me whose voices can no longer be heard
For the families who lost so much to war
Every day is Memorial Day for them
I hope the young men and women will stand up and ask "WHY?"
When the sabres of war come rattling again.

A key part of Campsey's healing process also involved giving back to the community he's lived in for 45 years.

He works extensively with veterans organizations, but his community service does not end there. For two decades, he's provided a full Thanksgiving meal at no charge to hundreds of local seniors — veterans and non-veterans alike. For the first 10 years or so, he and his staff cooked the food on premises and served it at the bar — along with two free cocktails per meal. Eventually, Campsey and a team of volunteers began hand-delivering the meals to those most in need. And during the early stages of the pandemic, even with his business suffering and potential bankruptcy looming, Campsey helped feed needy families for free.

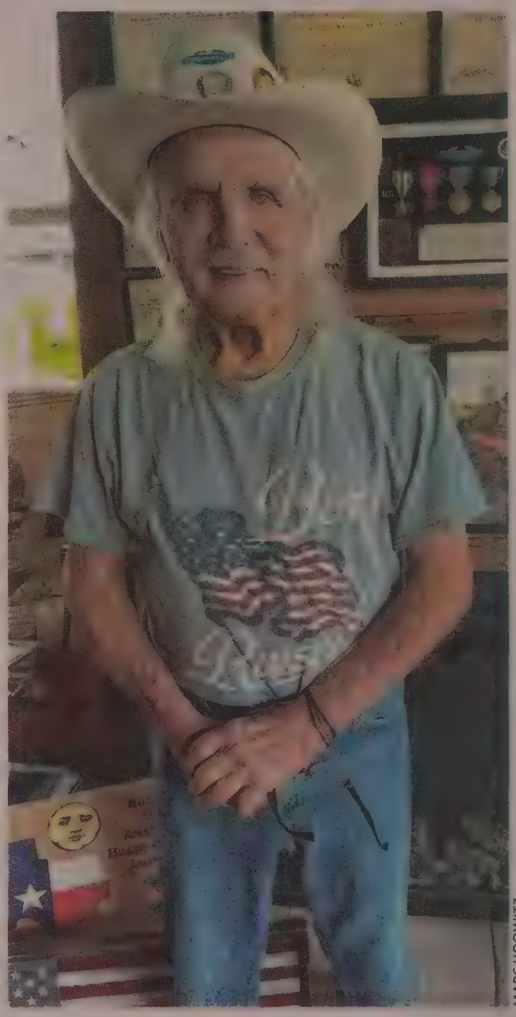
He has also established the New Moon Cafe as the de facto spot the East Quogue community turns to for charity events and fundraisers. The restaurant space and the food are always provided free of charge.

"Ron Campsey loves the community so much, and the community adores him," says Casey Ryckman, a longtime East Quogue resident and one of the organizers of a recent benefit at New Moon.

Ryckman notes that not only did Campsey donate the use of the restaurant and provide the food at no charge to the organization, he also personally helped serve the guests.

Campsey has earned his status as a pillar of the East Quogue community. But to become a true local legend, you need a bit of a rogue streak — and a touch of controversy. In Campsey's case, that controversy came in 1990.

Campsey was living in the apartment above New Moon — the same apartment where he raised his four children and where he still lives today with his wife, Shana. He was arrested in New Moon's dining room and summarily perp-walked out of the building. He was booked on two charges: theft of cable services and possession of burglar's tools. The latter charge made it sound like Campsey was caught hiding a set of bolt cutters and lockpicking gear. The reality was a lot more innocuous. Based on the law as written, the "burglar's tools" in question turned out to be the coaxial cables that ran from the upstairs apartment to the bar's TV sets.


MARC HOOWITZ

RONNIE CAMPSEY

Campsey doesn't deny that he received free service from Cablevision for a period of time. The rest of the story involves cops, lawyers, judges, corporate vengeance and lots of local newspaper coverage — all of which helped burnish his legend among East Quogue residents old enough to remember the details.

Campsey's own memory of the specifics of the Cablevision case is a little fuzzy these days. But after a mistrial, a successful countersuit and lots of negotiation, he managed to walk away free and clear.

Now 80 years old and planning for the last chapters of his remarkable life, Campsey is asked whether he'd ever consider selling the restaurant he's owned and operated for almost five decades — a place of monumental importance to the East Quogue community.

"We've talked about selling, but I've been visiting tables and welcoming people for 45 years," he says. "In the outside world, I could never pay for the things I get in here."

DAN'S TASTE: FOOD & DRINK

Room for Seconds: More Thanksgiving Dining Options

BY HARRY POWERS & REBEKAH YAHOVES

It's hard to believe Thanksgiving is one week away! **Lulu Kitchen & Bar** will be open for the holiday offering a traditional turkey entrée on Thursday, November 24 from noon–8 p.m. The roasted turkey will be accompanied by cranberry sauce, chestnut-sunchoke stuffing, sweet potato soufflé, roasted lemon-Brussels sprouts with bacon and house gravy. Cost is $98 for two. A traditional entrée will be available for kids for half price and the regular a la carte menu will also be available. Reservations can be made on Resy or by calling the restaurant directly. *126 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0900, lulusagharbor.com*

It can't be overstated how exciting **The Pridwin**'s Thanksgiving offering is. Guests who book the Thanksgiving at The Pridwin overnight package will be treated to welcome drinks upon arrival, a four-course Thanksgiving feast, daily mimosa bar, turkey lunch, entertainment for the whole family and more. *81 Shore Road, Shelter Island. 844-200-5001, caperesorts.com/pridwin*

Kick off a bountiful holiday weekend (Wednesday to Sunday) at **Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa**, where you'll enjoy things like holiday viewing parties, family movie nights, a cider and hot chocolate station, live music and fitness classes. Breakfast buffets and a four-course Thanksgiving meal are also sure to delight. *290 Old Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-2345, gurneysresorts.com/montauk*

COURTESY GURNEY'S MONTAUK

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NO ONE WANTS TO WEATHER A STORM OF TRAGEDY AND CRISIS ALONE.

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No biblical figure endures as much trauma and suffering as Job. All his life Job was upright and prosperous, and in an instant, he loses everything. Job's wealth, children and physical health are all taken from him, and in his misery, he wrestles to understand why. Through chapter after chapter, Job wrestles with questions of theodicy, that is how a benevolent God could permit the injustice of his own suffering. Finally, after chapters and chapters of Job struggling to understand it all, "God answers Job from the tempest" (Job 38:1). "Why a tempest?" ask the ancient rabbis, because "it is with a tempest that God strikes us, and with a tempest that God heals us" (Midrash Tanchuma, Beshalach 23).

I struggled for a long time to understand how the very same storm that strikes us might just be the very same storm that heals us. It all started to make sense to me when one of my congregants was stricken with cancer. He endured grueling bouts of chemotherapy and radiation that left him weak and barely able to take care of himself. When his estranged son heard that he was suffering, he put aside their differences and came to the aid of his father. The son visited the father just about every single day during his treatments. They repaired their relationship during these visits, and again became close. The father commented to me: "If I had the choice of never having had cancer, I would choose the cancer. It was all worth it to heal my relationship with my son." The same tempest that caused him so much suffering and pain, healed a part of him that needed repair.

In William Shakespeare's play *The Tempest*, the character Trinculo finds himself in the midst of raging thunder. He takes refuge under the cloak of Caliban, a deformed islander, as the two huddle together. "Misery acquaints a man with strange bedfellows," writes Shakespeare. In other words, when the storm approaches, our fears and vulnerability incubate opportunities of connection and healing with others.

At some point, all of us will find ourselves in the tempest. After the storm passes, we might ask ourselves: "How can I use this brokenness as an opportunity to make other parts of our lives whole?"

FATHER CONSTANTINE LAZARAKIS

In my years as a pastor, I've noticed a fascinating phenomenon that relates to the coloration between external circumstances and a person's spiritual condition. I have encountered people who endure profound suffering, and yet seem to have an indefatigable cheerfulness — a stubborn optimism — a persistent disposition of kindness. Sometimes, you find someone who has every reason to be bitter, and yet, they radiate joy. Conversely, I've encountered people who, from the outside, appear to have every reason to be happy, and yet are embittered at every turn.

Suffering and adversity are unavoidable aspects of life on the planet. And certainly, it seems that some people inexplicably endure more than their fair share of difficulty. The question of "why?" is one of the enduring quandaries of philosophers, theologians and poets throughout the ages. And while there are many good answers to be found, personally, I've yet to find one that completely satisfies me.

Perhaps rather than asking why we suffer, we are better off to ask what we should do while we suffer. It may be that God has allowed us to suffer that we might find some inner strength. It may be that our suffering has been heaped upon us by unfair and ungodly forces against God's will. It may be that we have brought suffering upon ourselves through our own mistakes and misdeeds. But whatever the case may be, we can be certain that God has not abandoned us in our suffering. How is it that some endure suffering with an underlying sense of joy and gratitude, while others are embittered even amid good fortune and abundant blessings. I believe it is a matter of disposition. If we can cultivate within ourselves a disposition of gratitude and trust in God, perhaps even our most painful experiences can bring about profound blessings.

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Ask Beatty: Teen Depression, What Every Parent and Teen Needs to Know

BY BEATTY COHAN, MSW, LCSW, AASECT

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TEEN DEPRESSION CAUSES A PERSISTENT FEELING OF SADNESS AND LOSS OF INTEREST IN ACTIVITIES.

The Mayo Clinic has described teen depression as a serious mental health problem that causes a persistent feeling of sadness and loss of interest in activities.

It affects how a teenager thinks, feels and behaves and can cause emotional, psychological and physical problems. Issues such as peer pressure, family problems, academic expectations and changing bodies can bring a lot of ups and downs for teenagers. For some teens, the lows are more than just temporary feelings. They're symptoms of clinical depression.

Untreated depression can have serious consequences. Fortunately, for most teens, depression symptoms ease with counseling and, for some, a combination of therapy and medication.

Emotional changes and dramatic shifts of feelings and thoughts during these times may include:

— Feelings of sadness, which can include crying spells for no apparent reason

— Loss of interest and pleasure in involvements and activities

— Feeling hopeless or feeling a sense of emptiness

— Feelings of worthlessness or debilitating guilt

— Low self-esteem

— Fixation on past failures or exaggerated self-blame and self-criticism

— Sleeping too much or not enough

— Loss of appetite

— Trouble thinking, making decisions, concentrating and remembering things

— Dramatic increase in use of alcohol or drugs, including prescription and over-the-counter medication

— Social isolation

— Paying less attention to personal hygiene or appearance

— Angry outbursts, disruptive or risky behavior or other acting-out behaviors

— Self-harm that may include cutting or burning of one's body

— Making a suicide plan or a suicide attempt

— An ongoing feeling that prospects for life and the future are grim and hopeless

— Increased and/or more frequent thoughts of death, dying or suicide

Dear Beatty,

I am a 17-year-old senior at East Hampton High School. I've been depressed for the past two years since my parents' divorce. My father at times was verbally and physically abusive toward my mom and me — especially when he had too much to drink. Even though it's been difficult financially, my mom and I have been able to stay in our house. My father has moved to another state. He rarely calls, and even though we weren't close and there were certainly many troubled times, I still miss my old family life. I recently have had thoughts of suicide, even though I don't think I have the courage to do it.

P.S. Beatty, I met you at East Hampton High School and thought that maybe you could help.

-Antonio, Sag Harbor

Dear Antonio,

What a brave young man you are for writing to me. I am so glad that I convinced you — and hopefully the other students in your classes — that it is a strength and not a weakness to reach out and ask for help. We all go through so many ups and downs in our lives and we need to remind ourselves that we don't need to take this journey on our own. Thank you for sharing what's going on in your life and for trusting me to try and help you.

It makes perfect sense that you are feeling depressed about your parents' divorce, even though you say they fought a lot and that your father was verbally and physically abusive to both you and your mother. Divorce is like a death and most people go through a number of different stages including (not necessarily in any particular order): denial, anger, depression and, finally, acceptance.

On the one hand, I'm sure you're relieved that you no longer have to witness your parents fighting and arguing. On the other hand, I completely understand the emptiness that you must be feeling — particularly since you and your dad rarely talk now. Are their any plans for visits? Are you going to be able to spend some holidays and vacations with him? Assuming, of course, that you will be emotionally and physically safe with him.

Are you able to talk to your mom about how you're feeling? Does she know how depressed you are? Even in the closest of relationships, people are not mind readers. It's important for our emotional well-being to express our feelings to people we trust. Hopefully, they will be able to guide us in a positive direction.

Do you have a few or even one close friend you can trust who may have gone through a similar situation who you can to talk to? Since you're a student at East Hampton High School, you should know that there are a number of really good counselors who I know would be able to help you get your life back on track. Reaching out to me was a really good first step.

Now it's time to find someone who you can talk to on a regular basis — until you start to feel better. Would you consider attending a group for other young people who are dealing with the pain of family divorce? What's clear to me is that right now you need support! If you'd like, I can help you set up a meeting with one of your school counselors ASAP. You can email me at BeattyCohan.msw@gmail.com.

-BEATTY

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The Eclectic Allure of English Country Home

BY MARC HOROWITZ

COURTESY: ENGLISH COUNTRY HOME

CHRIS MEAD OWNS ENGLISH COUNTRY HOME, LOCATED AT 26 SNAKE HOLLOW ROAD IN BRIDGEHAMPTON

Chris Mead, owner of English Country Home in Bridgehampton, has been a fixture on the East End interior design scene for the better part of four decades. But when he immigrated to the United States from his native England as a young man, he didn't come in search of mid-century modern nightstands or vintage farmhouse dining tables.

"I came to New York because it was the center of the universe for photography at the time," Mead explains, rattling off a who's who of boldface names, including Irving Penn, Art Kane, Helmut Newton, Richard Avedon and Francesco Scavullo.

While working as an assistant photographer in London shooting interiors and fashion, Mead lined up a job in New York City, apprenticing for the legendary Helmut Newton. As his career progressed, he went on to publish over a dozen books of his own photography, including a volume on American country antiques.

Mead's path to the world of retail home décor and interior design was partly a natural progression from his work on his American country book and partly an accident of circumstance.

"I had bought a house in Noyac before I started doing the book, and then I went all over the United States photographing antiques dealers," he notes. "By the time I got home, I had furnished my entire house."

Though Mead didn't have formal training in interior design, the aesthetic he created using country antiques from across the U.S. caught the eye of a well-known home décor publication.

When *House Beautiful* magazine did an eight-page spread on Mead's self-decorated East End country home, his professional future began to reveal itself.

Soon after the *House Beautiful* spread appeared, Mead more or less officially embarked on a new career — with a little help from a friend.

"I had a girlfriend who always wanted an antiques store, and so on the weekends we opened a store in the Hamptons on Jobs Lane," he says. "As the photography slowed down, the antiques picked up."

The original store has been relegated to Hamptons real estate history, having long ago been replaced by English Country Home's current location in Bridgehampton. And although Mead still lovingly curates a 5,000-square-foot barn stuffed to the gills with antiques from all over the world, the store has evolved to primarily feature modern, postmodern and country pieces, with just a smattering of antiques on display at any particular time.

Tucked behind a gas station a couple of doors north of County Road 39 near the side entrance to Bridgehampton Commons, the shop's entrance is fronted by a collection of massive urns from the Greek island of Crete and a powder-blue, 1950s-era Ford pickup truck that Madonna once tried to buy from Mead's wife and business partner, the artist Zoë Hoare.

Why wasn't Hoare interested in selling the truck (one of several similar vehicles the couple owns) to a former international superstar and one of the most famous people in the western hemisphere?

"She can't get everything she wants," Mead's wife told him, definitively nixing the transaction.

To walk into the front door of English Country Home is to be bombarded by the sheer magnitude of ... stuff. There are fascinating pieces everywhere — lots and lots of them; furniture of all kinds, lighting, wall art, rugs, upholstery and more. As packed with merchandise as the store is, the mix makes perfect sense. It's stimulating to stand there in the middle of it all, but also oddly serene.

Is it minimalist? Definitely not. Ornate? Nope. Hamptons chic? Not exactly. Beachy? Kind of, but not overarchingly so. The place just exudes good taste. From everywhere. All at once.

When asked to try to put some kind of label on the design aesthetic of his store, Mead pauses. He finally settles on, "Eclectic ... something for everybody."

Over the years, Mead's über-tasteful and eclectic design sense has helped English Country Home build a fiercely loyal following that extends well beyond the East End. To complement the store's retail and online business, Mead and Hoare provide comprehensive interior design services to trade professionals and homeowners from Aspen to Palm Beach (Mead owns a home in Miami).

The store's huge inventory is bolstered by a 30,000-square-foot warehouse full of merchandise that gets rotated in and out to complement the pieces on display.

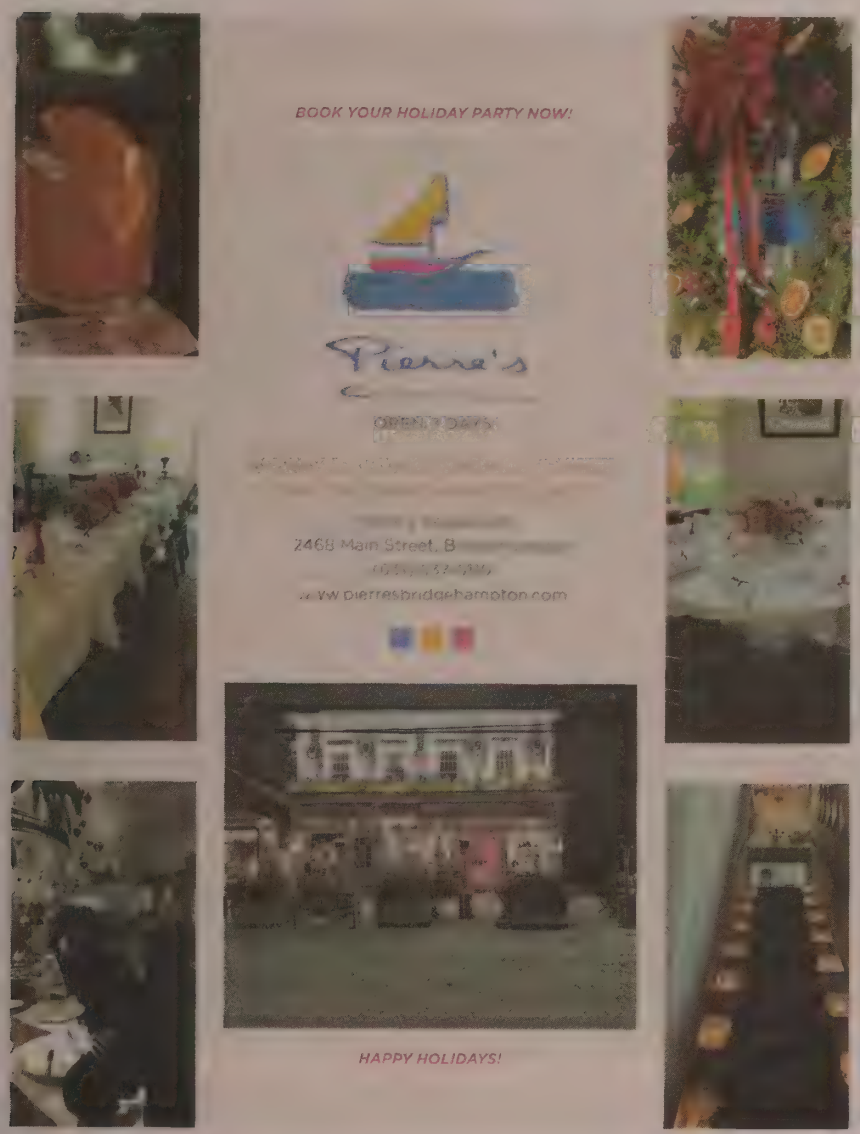
We have different styles, different vignettes, we're always changing things around," Mead says. "Our customers know that. I have people that come every Saturday morning at 8:30 to get ideas.

"We're basically able to furnish core houses directly from the store," he continues. "People come in and say, 'Oh, I love everything.' What I generally do then is tell them to walk around and put dots on everything they like. Then we create a storyboard with the pieces they've chosen.

"You can tell a designer what you want," he notes. "But until you see it, it's probably not what you really want. The way we do it often makes it a very sped-up process."

Summing up the relationship so many of his customers have with his shop, Mead recounts the story of a longtime client who owns a summer home on the East End:

"She tells me that every time she comes to the Hamptons, first she goes to the ocean, then she comes to English Country."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Southampton Snowbird George Noonan Remembered

GEORGE NOONAN

George "Butch" Noonan died in his home in Southampton on November 4. He was 87.

Born in Queens on December 9, 1934 to George and Dorothy Noonan, he received both a bachelor's and master's degree from St. John's University, where he was a pitcher on the baseball team. He married his high school sweetheart, Ellen (née McCarthy), in 1957. He spent a brief time in the Army and on a minor league baseball team before joining Texaco, where he worked for more than 30 years.

Noonan retired at the age of 55, and later he and Ellen became "snowbirds," spending summers in the North Sea Beach Colony in Southampton and winters in Sarasota, FL. He died peacefully, after a brief illness, at the Southampton home that he loved.

Noonan is survived by his wife, Ellen, and his children, Mary Rose (Frank), Eileen Garland (Eddie), Monica Cahill (Frank), George Noonan (Susan) and Maureen Brennan (Mickey); 14 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his sister, Dorothy McCulloh.

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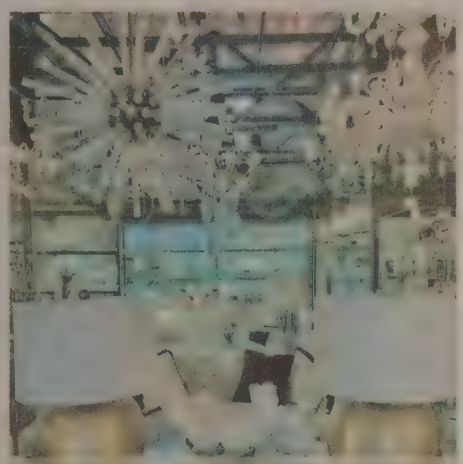
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If the kitchen is the heart of the home, then the dining room may be akin to one of its arteries. The mood created in the kitchen spreads to the dining space, where family members and friends gather to have their meals and enjoy one another's company.

Dining rooms can get lost in the home renovation shuffle, as many homeowners tend to focus on renovating kitchens and bathrooms instead. Homeowners do not have to invest a lot of money in renovations to give their dining spaces awe-inspiring makeovers.

Here's how to do so on a budget.

Lighten and Brighten: Dining rooms were once very formal spaces. Dark woods, large pieces of furniture, over-the-top chandeliers and other details could be found in many homes. But now that houses are being built with open floor plans, dining rooms can blend with other spaces, which have moved to lighter colored walls, flooring and furniture. A fresh coat of vibrant paint can work wonders and it doesn't cost much. If you can't remove a floor, cover it with a brightly colored area rug.

Switch Slipcovers: Slipcovers can be changed each season to dramatically alter the look of a dining room for little investment. Slip covers also protect chairs and can be easily laundered after spills.

Add Floating Shelving: Floating shelves provide much-needed storage or display space without the need to invest in another piece of furniture. Depending on the shelving, they can work in modern design schemes or even farmhouse dining spaces.

Clear Out Clutter: It might be time to say "so long" to that large curio cabinet and the knick-knacks within it. Curio and china cabinets used to be de rigueur, but plenty of people now prefer more open and airy dining rooms. For those who want to keep the cabinet, try decluttering inside to only include the very best display pieces and see if the cabinet can be refinished with paint or a lightly colored stain.

Improve Lighting: Make the chandelier the statement piece of the space. Go for a bold color or an innovative design. Then add accessories throughout the space that coordinate with the chandelier.

Add Bench Seating: Those who need additional seating may not have to get entirely new furniture. Swap out some chairs for benches, which can fit a couple more guests than chairs.

Add Depth With Color: HGTV says that using various shades of the same color in a space can add depth. Coordinate drapes, walls, seat fabrics and accessories for a cohesive design. Renovating a dining room doesn't require a large investment of time and money. A few simple steps can give dining spaces a whole new feel without busting homeowners' budgets.

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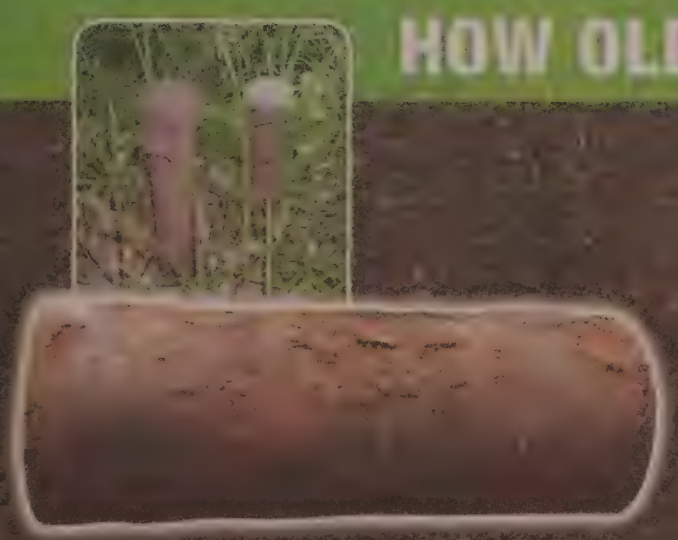

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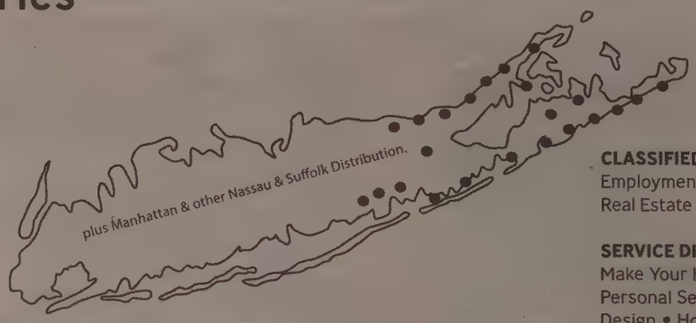

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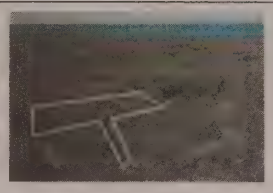

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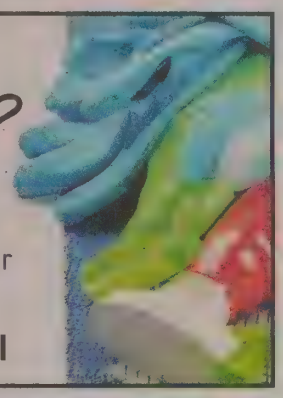

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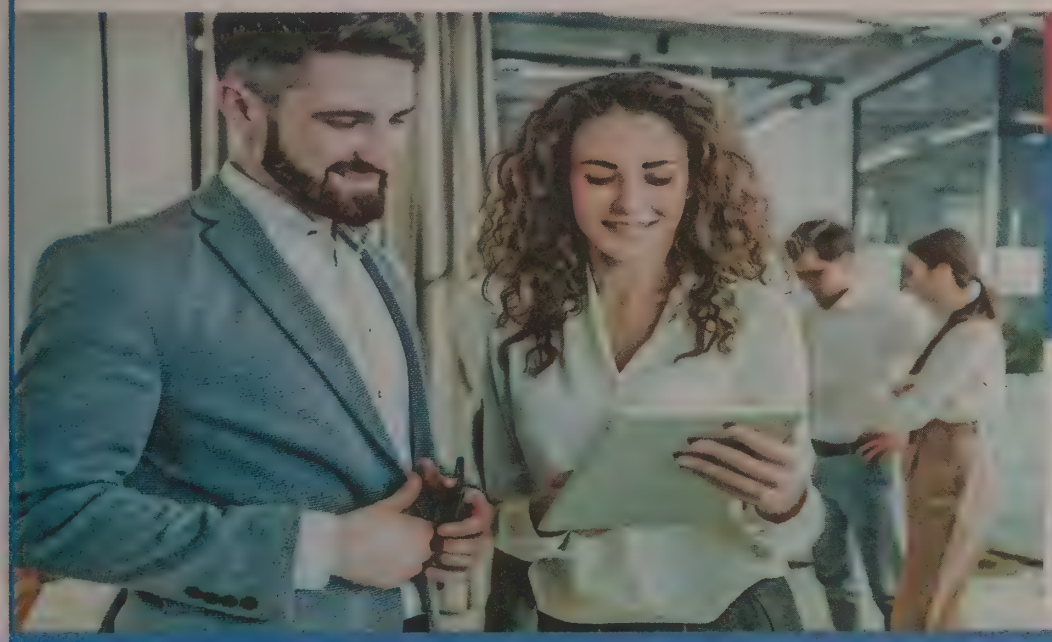

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Rebecca Seawright: Superlative Assemblymember

BY TODD SHAPIRO

Rebecca Seawright is a distinguished member of the New York State Assembly representing New York's Upper East Side, Yorkville and Roosevelt Island. Assemblywoman Seawright is a pioneer: the first woman to represent the 76th District in the legislative body. As an outspoken champion for her 133,000 constituents, Seawright is a power broker and a fighter for the City of New York.

Elected in 2014, Assemblywoman Seawright hit the ground running, and quickly became a force in the state Legislature. She currently sits on the powerful Assembly Committee of Ways and Means and the Committee on Education, among others. As a vocal and influential member, Seawright's impact is felt in her home borough of Manhattan, from Montauk to Buffalo, and everywhere in between.

"My philosophy of government is linked to improving the lives of all of my constituents," she says. "Being responsive and helping them with their critical needs, or to overcome challenges, is paramount. At the same time, we must fight to bring needed resources from and reforms to Albany and ensure vital programs, services and protection of rights and safety.

"For example, some of the best ideas for legislation come directly from my constituents," she continues. "After learning about a health issue from a neighbor, we passed a bill to require that insurance companies cover 3D mammographies for women and men, which was signed into law and is now being modeled across the country. It's a great example of how everyday New Yorkers can impact the legislative process."

In 2021, Seawright was appointed by the speaker of the Assembly to serve in the body's leadership. She chairs the Assembly's Majority Steering Committee. Before this role, she was appointed secretary of the Majority Conference and chair of the Task Force on Women's Issues. She is also the former chair of the Assembly's Subcommittee on Consumer Fraud Protection.

The Steering Committee operates with the intention of building consensus among the Democratic majority members in the body. Building consensus, which is oftentimes no easy task, is critical to the passage of legislation into law. In this capacity, Seawright is involved with key bills requiring mediation.

"Being effective and a strong voice for my constituents continues to drive me," she says. "In my district, we have some of the best public schools in the nation, located on the Upper East Side, so fighting for our fair share of resources for education is always important to me. Also, we have the largest concentration of hospitals in the state — eight in total — sitting on the water by the East Side Esplanade. I work with advisory committees, made up of community members, and I feel very fortunate to represent this district with so much to offer.

"The hospitals are the leading economic engines that power not only the Upper East Side, but also much of the New York economy," Seawright continues. "Strengthening and improving access to quality health care for my community and all New Yorkers is a major priority."

REBECCA SEAWRIGHT

During the pandemic, Seawright launched Town Hall Tuesday and held 50 sessions featuring nationally prominent guests like Dr. Peter Michalos, Dr. Jeffrey Fisher and CUNY Chancellor Felix V. Matos Rodriguez.

Throughout her near-decade in office, Seawright has championed countless pieces of legislation that have benefitted the lives of hardworking New Yorkers. Some of her most notable accomplishments include sponsoring the Clean Waterways Fund, which was signed into law by the governor. The environmental organization, the League of Conservation Voters, has consistently awarded her a 100 rating in its annual ranking of legislators.

She is also the lead sponsor of an important piece of legislation that would guarantee that New York's students can openly learn about LGBT curricula, a nation-leading and historic measure for the LGBT community.

Seawright also touts her role in supporting the completion of the Second Avenue subway line, which has helped to revitalize the local economy on the East Side, as well as expanding access to public transit. Her government office, she says, is located right by a post office and bus stop where many gather to refill their MetroCards, affording her the opportunity to assist them with their needs in an effective way.

As the elected representative for this portion of Manhattan, Seawright has dedicated her life to public service. Her efforts have been lauded by her peers and constituents alike, which have earned her prestigious recognitions, ranging from the 2022 Schneps Media Power Women of Manhattan Award to the Metropolitan Museum of Art's 13th Annual Women's Award. She was also given the Leadership Award by the New York City Board of Rabbis for her work to combat hate crimes.

"We passed two bills, one last session and one this session, to combat hate crimes in our community," she says. "My campaign and government offices were targets of anti-Semitic attacks. I am committed to combatting hate crimes in New York, which is why I hold forums, speak with constituents and fight against anti-Semitism in every way."

Seawright serves in the legislative body that is often referred to as "The People's House." With 150 members from all regions of New York, Seawright sees it as her mission to advocate for her communities. While it is easy to get lost in a body of this size, Seawright's voice is heard clearly, her positions are respected and her influence understood by her colleagues in government.

Among the many bills that Seawright has introduced or sponsored is the Equal Rights Amendment, which included language that was added to the state's constitution to ensure that equal rights are observed. She is the lead sponsor. Passing an amendment to the constitution of New York is no small feat, Seawright says, and the amendment gained broad support within the body.

"When the governor called a special session in July, one of the two bills on the agenda was the Equal Rights Amendment," she says. "The New York State constitution has not been amended since 1938, which is surprising for a progressive state like New York. We are very pleased with this bill's passage. It needs to pass two cycles consecutively before it can go before the voters, and we expect it to be on the ballot in 2024."

When speaking of her inspiration, Seawright highlights many who have "gone before her." Among names like Ann Richards, Shirley Chisholm and Sarah Weddington, Seawright gives special recognition to the late East Ender, Edie Windsor. Windsor, whose name is well known to many in Southampton and across the country, was a pioneer whose life of advocacy propels Seawright's efforts in elected office.

"I think of champions like Edie Windsor, or Sarah Weddington — who argued Roe v. Wade and remains the youngest person ever to argue and win before the U.S. Supreme Court," she says. "When we passed the Equal Rights Amendment in July, which ensures reproductive freedom in New York, I dedicated its passage to Sarah, as a continuance of her mission for equal rights for all."

While Seawright's constituency resides in Manhattan, she says, many find time to seek refuge on the East End. She spends a portion of her time here, be it supporting charities or helping to raise money for worthy causes.

"Spending time on the East End is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in causes, like the Edie Windsor Health Center," Seawright says. "I encourage my constituents to consider supporting a cause when they visit the South Fork."

In 2022, Seawright was elected to her fifth term in the New York State Assembly. She ran unopposed.

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5:00 Patrick and the Whale

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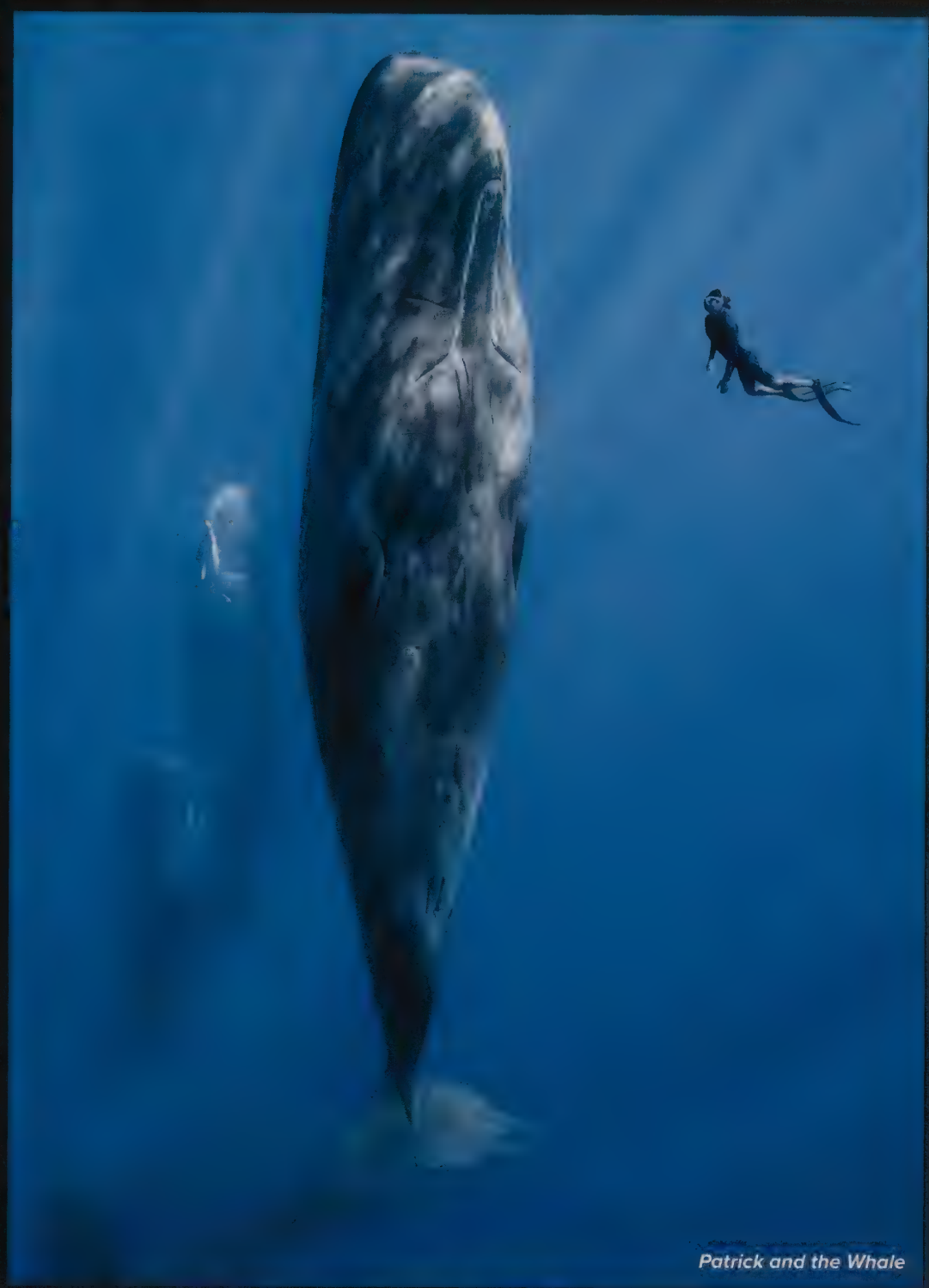

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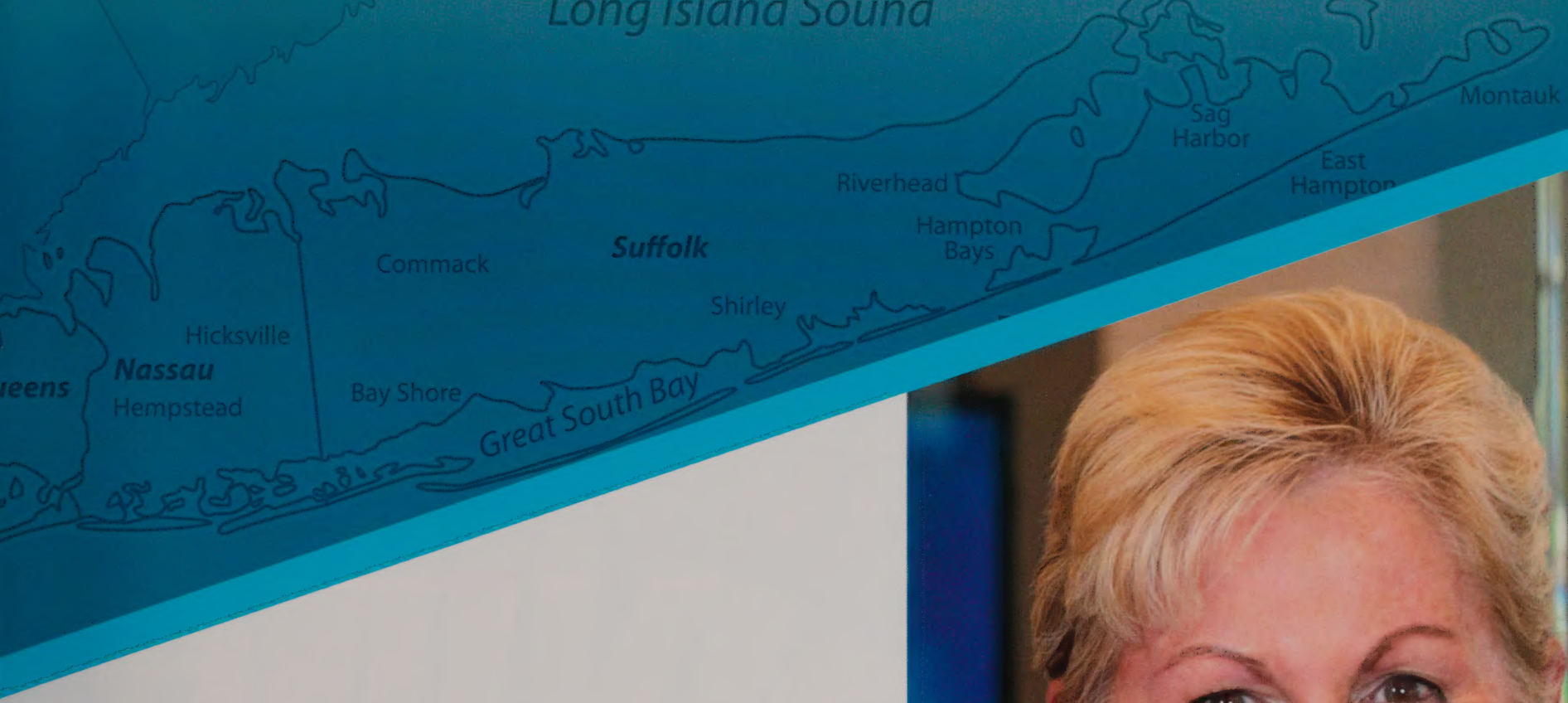

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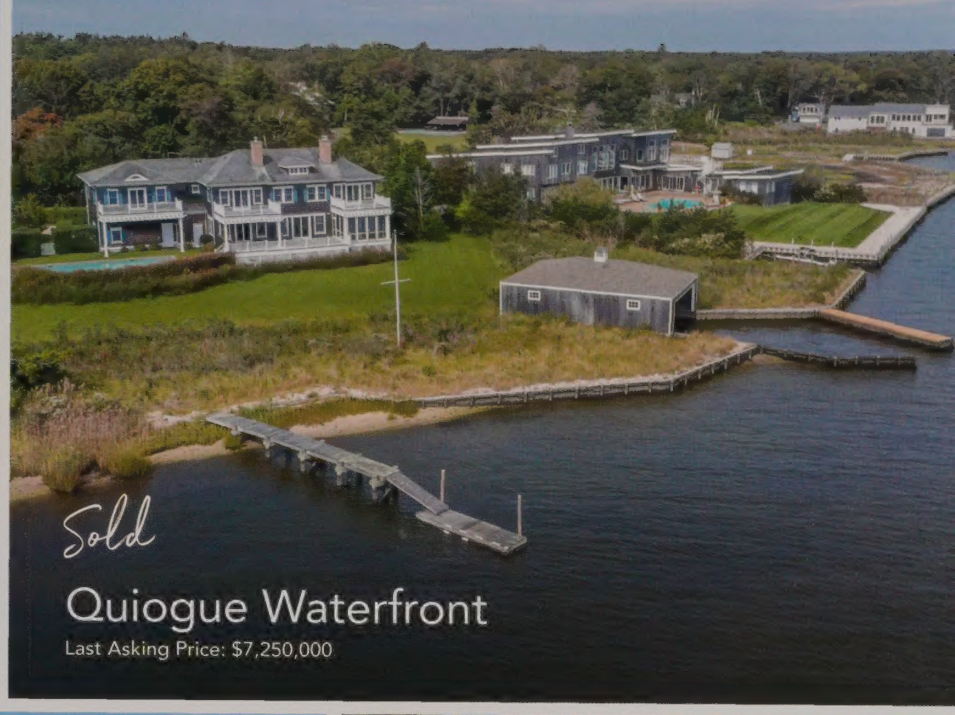

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